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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Artists sought for Honeywell Foundation's art competition

The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show from Thursday, Jan. 9 through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@ HoneywellFoundation. org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

'Death by Chocolate' auditions set; tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater's auditions for the winter comedy "Death by Chocolate" will be held on from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, in the Honeywell Center. For the show itself, doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelstad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

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Making it a 'Night to Shine'



PROVIDED PHOTOS

PROM: At last year's event, there were 113 guests and over 300 volunteers.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ to host prom for people with special needs

BY ROB BURGESS

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ announced they will serve as one of nearly 671 churches around the world already registered to host Night to Shine 2020, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, according to Janet Legesse, early childhood minister.

This event will be hosted through local churches across the globe simultaneously on

Friday, Feb. 7. In response to a Plain Dealer request Wednesday, Legesse stated this is their second year hosting the Night to Shine event. At last year's event, there were 113 guests and over 300 volunteers.

Legesse stated this year's event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. at Northfield High

School, 154 W. 200 North. "Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older," stated Legesse. "Bachelor Creek is excited to be a part of this worldwide movement that is uniting churches of different

denominations all over the world with the common goal of celebrating people with special needs.

Every guest of Night to Shine enters this complimentary event on a red carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi.

"Once inside, guests receive the royal treatment, including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining areas, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres, a catered dinner, karaoke, prom favors, a dance floor, all leading up to the moment when each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom," stated Legesse.

As a sponsor of Night to Shine, the Tim Tebow Foundation will provide each host church with the official 2020 Night to Shine Planning Manual, personalized guidance and support from a Tim Tebow Foundation staff member and access to free and discounted resources that will assist them in creating an unforgettable night for their



EVENT: This year's event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. See PROM / Page A2 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North.

Probationary trooper assigned to the ISP Peru Post

On Dec. 19, 2019, 37 probationary troopers from the 79th Indiana State Police (ISP) Recruit Academy graduated. One of those officers, Dakota Anderson, is assigned to the Indiana State Police Peru Post and has started three months of field training with veteran officers, according to a press

During his 25 weeks of training, Anderson received

instruction as well as nearly 400 hours of hands-on practical scenario-based training.

Some areas of training included criminal and traffic law, crash investigations, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, firearms, and a host of other subjects related to modern policing.

Anderson is now assigned to train with veteran troopers for the next 13 weeks before over 600 hours of classroom being released on solo patrol.

Anderson is a 2013 graduate of Tri-Central High School in Tipton County. He and his wife currently reside in Howard County

Individuals who are interested in a rewarding career as an Indiana state trooper should go online at http:// www.in.gov/isp/careers. This website will provide a detailed synopsis of the application process as well as career information about the Indiana State Police Department.



PROVIDED PHOTO TRAINING: Dakota derson, is assigned to the Indiana State Police Peru Post and has started three months of field training with veteran officers.

Indiana teen gets 65 years in pregnant schoolmate's killing

17-year-old northern Indiana boy has been sentenced to 65 years in prison in the fawho was pregnant with his

Judge Elizabeth Hurley sentenced Aaron Trejo on Tues-

day to 55 years for murder

weighing several factors, in-

cluding the violent nature of to get an abortion.

SOUTH BEND (AP) — A the crime. Those sentences will run consecutively, with no time suspended.

Trejo, who was charged as tal stabbing of a schoolmate an adult, pleaded guilty in October to murder and feticide in Breana Rouhselang's St. Joseph Superior Court 2018 killing. Prosecutors said Trejo told officers he killed Rouhselang because he was angry that she waited and 10 years for feticide after so long to tell him she was pregnant that it was too late

"You took her life in one Mishawaka, about 80 miles of the most savage and violent manners I have seen in my career," Hurley told Trejo before announcing his sen-

they argued over her preg-

nancy. Her body was discov-

ered in a dumpster behind a

restaurant near her home in

Trejo and Rouhselang were Mishawaka High School classmates in December 2018 when authorities said

east of Chicago. A trash bag had been placed over her head and upper torso, according to court documents.

Rouhselang's mother, Melissa Wallace, had asked the judge to sentence her daugh-

ter's killer to life in prison. "I'm glad we got justice for Bre," she said after Tuesday's hearing. "But no amount of time will ever replace what

he took from me.

Second Harvest tailgate set for Senior Center

Food distribution will last from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday

BY ROB BURGESS

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana will provide food for families in need at a tailgate distribution from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at the Dallas L. Winchester Senior Center, Living Well in Wabash County, 239 Bond St., according to Jackson Eflin, marketing coordinator.

Participants must enter the drive-through line from the Hill Street entrance of the city park. The distribution is while supplies last, and there is a limit of three families per vehicle.

No tailgate distributions will take place when the wind-chill is reported to be below 0 degrees or the heat index is reported to be 100 degrees.

"The items received at a tailgate event are meant to be supplemental items only. They are not meant to be complete meals. Fresh fruits and/or vegetables are often provided," stated the Eflin.

In response to a recent Plain Dealer request, Eflin, stated the total number of Wabash County residents served for 2019 as of November was 5,086 families and 11,250 people. The totals for 2018 were 3,821 families and 12,196 people. The totals for 2017 were 4,446 families and 14,384 people.

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Health officials urge residents to test for radon

January is National Radon Action Month

STAFF REPORT

Radon, a radioactive gas that occurs naturally in most soil, is the second-leading cause of lung cancer among smokers and the number-one cause among non-smokers, according to a press release.

It is responsible for more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths in the U.S. each year, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) estimates.

January is National Radon Action Month, and the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is urging homeowners to test their homes for radon because this tasteless, colorless and odorless gas can build up in homes without residents' knowledge.

Indiana residents can purchase a short-term test kit for as little as \$15 from the American Lung Association through its website. Test kits also can be purchased at most home improvement and hardware stores and through some online retailers.

Radon enters homes and other buildings through small cracks and holes in the foundation, where it becomes trapped and accumulates in the air. When people breathe in radon, it damages the lungs. Long-term exposure can eventually cause lung cancer. Because radon has no taste,

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Indiana may toughen retailer penalties with 21 smoking age

BY TOM DAVIES

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana lawmakers are looking to toughen the penalties stores face for selling tobacco products to underaged customers as they raise the state's minimum age for smoking and vaping from 18 to 21 to con-

form with the new federal law. A proposal backed by antismoking advocates would also eliminate the possible fines against minors caught with tobacco or electronic cigarettes, saying those aren't fair to youths who may have become addicted.

Proposals to raise Indiana's smoking age have failed to advance among lawmakers for several years, but Congress' decision last month to raise the legal age to 21 has made opposing it on a state level moot, and Republican leaders of the Indiana House and Senate are endorsing proposals with tougher penalties.

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb, who announced his support for increasing the age limit before the congressional

action, said the state law needs increase the fines against vioto be updated with additional penalties for selling to those younger than 21.

"It has been some time since we've beefed up those enforcement levels, since about 2008, so I think that's long overdue as well," Holcomb

The state law is partly enforced through spot checks by the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission's state excise police. Stores can be fined or barred from selling tobacco or vaping liquids for repeat violations.

A bill being considered Wednesday by the House Public Health Committee would boost the fine against a retailer for a first violation from a \$200 maximum to a minimum of \$500. The penalties would increase until a third violation within three years, which would carry a minimum \$1,000 fine and a threeyear loss of the store's tobacco sales certificate. It also would prohibit new tobacco sales outlets from opening within 1,000 feet of a school.

A separate Senate bill would and Prevention.

lators but doesn't include the sales license revocations.

Health advocacy groups support a provision in the House bill that would eliminate possible tickets for underage tobacco possession, said Danielle Patterson, a lobbyist for the American Heart Association of Indiana. Tobacco possession should be treated differently than alcohol possession, partly because of longtime marketing of tobacco and vaping products targeting teens and young adults,

"It is unfair to punish them when these companies have systematically gone after them," Patterson said.

The Tobacco Free Indiana coalition, which includes the Heart Association and numerous other groups, have also pushed for raising the state's cigarette tax as a way of fighting its 21.8 percent smoking rate among adults that was the 7th highest in the country for 2017, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control



CARPET: Every guest of Night to Shine enters this complimentary event on a red carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi.

PROM

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guests. The foundation also has committed nearly \$3.5 million in financial support to hundreds of churches needing assistance in hosting the event.

Night to Shine has experienced incredible growth, now in its sixth year of existence. The event launched in 2015 with 44 host churches and 15,000 volunteers honoring more than 7,000 kings and queens of the prom. This past February, 655 host churches and 200,000 volunteers came together to celebrate 100,000 honored guests with special needs. The Tim Tebow Foundation anticipates 800 churches to sign up to host the event taking place this coming February.

For additional information on the Night to Shine hosted by Bachelor Creek Church of Christ in Wabash, visit www. bachelorcreek.com.

For more information on the worldwide movement of Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, http://www.timtebow foundation.org/index.php/ night-to-shine/.



GLOBAL: This event will be hosted through local churches across the globe simultaneously on Friday, Feb. 7.

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Eflin stated the following remaining 2020 dates have been planned for tailgates at the Dallas L. Winchester Senior Center in addition to Friday's event:

Friday, Feb. 14

- Friday, March 13
- Thursday, April 9 ■ Tuesday, May 5

This Second Harvest Tailgate is a collaborative effort between Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana, The Community Foundation of Wabash County and Living Well in Wabash County.

"Tailgates are not possible without the help of dedicated volunteers," stated Eflin.

Donations can be made online http://curehunger.org/ get-involved/donate/ as well as mailed to 6621 N. Old Indiana 3, Muncie, IN 47303.

To learn how you can help, call Ryan Wagner at 260-

RADON

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smell or color, a home must be tested to find out how much radon is in the air. There is no safe level for radon, but the EPA and U.S. Surgeon General recommend fixing homes that have levels at or above 4pCi/L (picocuries per liter). More than two-thirds of Indiana counties, including Wabash, have predicted average indoor radon levels of 4

pCi/L, according to the EPA. If high levels of radon are detected, licensed contractors can install mitigation systems to eliminate the problem and protect the occupants of the

home. To learn more about ra-

don, visit the ISDH's radon "A Citizen's Guide to Radon" page at http://www.in.gov/ isdh/24346.htm and the EPA's

at https://www.epa.gov/radon/ publications-about-radon.



Roxy 5 Showtimes for Thursday, January 3 - Thursday, January 9

Star Wars: Episode IX - The Rise of Skywalker in 2D (PG13) Fri-Sat: 12:25, 3:25, 6:10, 6:50, 9:10, 9:55 Sun-Thurs: 12:25, 3:25, 6:10, 6:50 Mon: 6:10, 6:50 Tues: 6:10 Wed: 6:10, 6:50 Thurs: 6:10

Spies in Disguise (PG) Fri-Sat: 12:45, 3:45, 6:40, 9:30 Sun: 12:45, 3:45, 6:40 Mon-Thurs: 6:40

Jumanji: The Next Level in 2D (PG13) Fri-Sat: 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05 Sun: 1:10, 4:05, 7:05 Mon-Thurs: 7:05

Frozen II in 2D (PG) Fri-Sun: 12:55, 3:55 Tues: 6:50 Thurs: 6:50 Sat: 12:35, 3:35, 6:30, Sun: 12:35, 3:35, 6:30 Mon-Thurs: 6:30



5-Day Weather Summary



Sun and Moon

Few Showers

49 / 41

Today's sunset

Tomorrow's sunrise.



53 / 43

5:38 p.m.











Rain Likely







Mostly Cloudy

45 / 25 35 / 27 44 / 33 **Detailed Local Outlook**

Partly Cloudy

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 45% chance of showers, high of 49°, humidity of 61%. South wind 15 to 22 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of rain, overnight low of 41°. South wind 13 to 21 mph. Friday, skies will be cloudy with a 100% chance of rain, high of 53°, humidity of 95%.

Check, please! Splitting the bill can be awkward

sive. When it

came time to Harriette pay the bill, Cole it was a little awkward. Sense & Normally we Sensitivity would just split the bill, but the number of people in each party was so different. When

thought about it, though, I was OK with splitting it because

they paid a lot more than us. I guess it worked out, but I don't know if I handled it as well as I should have. What is the best way to handle a situation like that? – Splitting the Bill

DEAR SPLITTING THE BILL: Whenever there is a group and people need to split the check, there can be an awkward moment.

The easiest thing to do is to take a quick glance at the check to get a sense of what you owe. If your portion is significantly smaller than the others', you can offer to pay for your group plus a hearty tip and give the rest to the other people who are paying. You could also simply split it evenly (if you can afford to do so) - but that is not necessary. People go into situations

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TUESDAY'S

LOTTERIES Cash 5 17-27-31-39-41

Cash4Life 11-13-28-58-59, Cash Ball: Daily 3 midday6-3-5 Daily 3 evening8-6-0,

SB: 6 Daily 4 midday 9-1-8-9 Daily 4 evening 0-2-4-3, SB: 6 Mega Millions

25-40-41-52-56, Mega Ball: 21, Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: million

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$258 million

WEDNESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum	2.78 1.06 1,561.62
Platinum	

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$4.05. Soybeans:



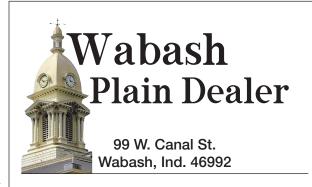
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DEAR HARRIETTE: My like that knowing who they pected. Should I leave him family went out to din- want to pay for. If you are out of my new year's gifts, ner with friends of ours upfront about what you or just get over it? - Ready

and three of us, and the res- what your intentions are Even though this new stafftaurant was kind of expen- for settling the check, er has a bad attitude, don't chances are, the others will let it sour your good humor. You know what your **DEAR HARRIETTE:** I al- plan is. Include him in your ways give a tip to the staff building's tips. If there are in my apartment building certain people who have a in the new year. I started more difficult role in your this several years ago, building or who you are when money was so tight closer to, by all means tip that I couldn't afford to them more generously. For give them money and buy this newbie, a basic tip is gifts for my friends. Now fine to show that you are it is just what I do. I no- thinking of him. He can

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How Jeremy Sisto keeps the CBS drama 'FBI' moving briskly

BY MARK KENNEDY

NEW YORK — Kojak has his lollipop. Sherlock Holmes has his deerstalker cap. Jer-

emy Sisto has his pencil. The actor often wields a long sharpened yellow pencil as he addresses a room full of federal agents on the hit CBS show "FBI." His character will point with it or chew on it or make an exclamation with it, saying something like

"C'mon people, dazzle me!" "I've always liked props, and especially when there's a lot of exposition, I try to hide that by doing things," says the actor. "It just felt like something that would be really easy to shoot attention this way and shoot attention that way."

Sisto's pencil has made its way into popular culture. There was a suggestion this fall that a last-minute Halloween costume could be made just by tucking a pencil behind your ear and going as Sisto's character, Jubal Valentine, FBI assistant special agent-incharge. The pencil also has its own Twitter account.

"I had no idea people would sort of find as much fun in it as they have. But I think it's really cool," says Sisto. "Maybe they'll make an action figure. That's what I want: me with my pencil."

Sisto is enjoying his second season on "FBI," which represents his second time aboard a Dick Wolf procedural crime drama. Sisto joined Wolf's "Law & Order" for the last three seasons, initially pairing with veteran Jesse L. Martin.

This time, he was present at the pilot of "FBI," playing the glue that holds together each episode's moving parts. As Valentine, Sisto is like an orchestra conductor and the

pencil is his baton. "On 'Law & Order,' I always liked being in the office trying to put the pieces together. And that's what this is. It's just a much more advanced version of that," he says.

Sisto brings his special brand of spontaneity and electricity to the role. When he started on "Law & Order," he asked that the first victim on his first show be his character's brother. On the new show, his Valentine is dealing with divorce and alcoholism yet still holding together highstakes federal cases.

Rick Eid, the executive producer and show runner of 'FBI," calls Sisto the heartbeat of the show and says he brings layers and complexity

to the character, as well as humor and honesty.

"I don't know if it looks like it's easy on TV, but it isn't. He has chunks of dialogue he has to convey with urgency, with clarity and with purpose. And yet, at the same time, he does it with this unique personality and humor," said Eid. "My simple rule to everybody is: We can't write enough for the guy because he's so good."

One of Eid's favorite recent episodes was when Sisto's character was sponsoring an addict who was also an informant, a messy and ethically challenged situation. "You see the conflict in Jeremy's eyes: What's my role here? Am I an FBI agent? Or am I a sponsor?" says Eid. "He makes it look really honest. That's the

Sisto's career hasn't been a flashy one but he's had roles in some prominent films, including playing the highschool hunk who catches Alicia Silverstone's eye in "Clueless" and Keri Russell's loutish husband in "Waitress."

It's a career that has allowed Sisto to balance work and fatherhood. His kids - he has a son and daughter - aren't always sure where he ranks. "They're like, 'Are you a star, dad? Are you famous?' I'm like 'ish,'" he says. "I've had a nice career. I've been able to work consistently.'

This winter, Sisto landed a role in one of the biggest films of the year. He voices Anna and Elsa's grandfather in "Frozen 2," the sequel to the animated Disney blockbuster. Sisto had done voice work before – he voiced the title bull's father in "Ferdinand" - but this was different.

The original "Frozen" was a fixture in Sisto's house, his daughter putting it "on a Dad surprised himself by liking it, too. Usually, he immediately dozed off whenever a kids' movie was play-

"I'd have two hours in the movie theater to get a little nap while they were watching the thing. But 'Frozen' never did that to me. 'Frozen' was always something I just really related to."

Sisto has enjoyed enough success that choices he feared might be bad for his career are now cherished. Take "Clueless." He thought he'd "be known for this one thing. And then that would sort of represent some kind of a failure because my career didn't take

Hollywood-backed Quibi thinks you'll pay for its video bites platform designed exclu- lenge." Among other things, end up next to.

and RACHEL LERMAN AP Technology Writers

LAS VEGAS — A startup heavily backed by Hollywood is wagering that you're ready to set aside YouTube and TikTok to watch starstudded short videos on your bile. phone – for a price.

The company behind this billion-dollar bet is Quibi, which is preparing to offer movies, shows and other short form video designed for viewing in short bursts on mobile devices. It's an enormous gamble, especially considering that several earlier efforts in mobile entertainment – most notably Ve-- fell flat.

Founded by former Disney studios chief and Dream-Works co-founder Jeffrey Katzenberg and helmed by former Hewlett Packard Enterprise CEO Meg Whitman, Ouibi is heavy on big ideas and Hollywood muscle. It has backing from all the major movie studios and entertainment companies, \$1 billion invested in original programming. and star power in the form of creators and producers from Steven Spielberg to Chrissy Teigen.

Quibi plans to launch on April 6. It will charge \$5 a month for an ad-supported service, and \$8 a month for an ad-free version.

Company executives argued at CES that Quibi will

sively for the phone. In an insaid it represents the first time "professional storytellers" have tackled the problem of delivering a high-quality viewing experience on mo-

whether a subscription service like Quibi can attract mobile viewers – particularly younger ones - already immersed in an ocean of freeto-watch short video on You-Tube and other social-media services. It will also go up against roughly a half-dozen other paid streaming platforms from Netflix, Amazon rizon's ill-fated Go90 service Prime Video and Hulu to and NBC Universal.

previewed shows including "Don't Look Deeper," a scifi show starring Don Cheadle and Emily Mortimer, and "#Freerayshawn" a crime thriller starring Laurence Fishburne as a cop and executive produced by "Training Day" director Antoine Fuqua. Shows and movies, as well as other material like news and weather, are designed to be watched in "quick bites" of 10 minutes or less.

"Paid premium short form (video)' has never been in the same sentence, it has never really been proven," said Seth Shapiro, managing partner at Pacific Strategy offer the first entertainment Partners. "That's the chal-

he noted, it's already possible terview at CES, Katzenberg for people to watch those other services in the same quick bites Quibi plans.

Quibi executives at the CES gadget show in Las Vegas showed off technology on Wednesday designed to But the big question is make video viewing on the phone easier. For instance, it video whether you hold the phone upright or sideways.

Filmmakers deliver two edits to the company, one vertical, one horizontal, and Quibi stiches them together with one audio track. Some crefeature into their productions, as in one show in which hori-Disney Plus and upcoming zontal viewing delivers a traservices from WarnerMedia ditional picture - but turning the phone upright displays a During the keynote Quibi view from the main character's phone camera.

Advertisers, at least, are on board. Quibi said it has sold out its \$150 million first-year advertising slots to blue-chip companies including Procter & Gamble, Anheuser Busch, General Mills, Google, T-Mobile and Walmart. Ads years after it launched; sevwill appear before shows and aren't skippable.

Jeff Wlodarczak, principal analyst at Pivotal Research Group, says he understands why advertisers are flocking to the product. Millennials can be hard to reach, he said, and when a brand places ads on YouTube or Snapchat, they never quite know what kind of video they might

Quibi offers a safe place for advertisers by delivering a known quantity "as opposed to people doing something stupid on YouTube," he said.

That advertising model will stick around, Whitman said. Quibi guarantees that all creators own their own intellectual property, and can repackwill let you watch full-screen age it and take it wherever else they want after seven years. It brought creators in, but it also means that Quibi needs both subscriber dollars and advertising revenue to stav afloat.

The company just closed ators have incorporated that on another \$400 million equity funding round from investors, Whitman said, and has a plan to be profitable 'soon.'

Others ha ve tried short for m content, mostly in adsupported form. Facebook Watch features original shows with episodes as short as 12 or 13 minutes, but none have garnered much buzz or mainstream attention so far. Verizon pulled the plug on Go90 in 2018, roughly three eral concurrent efforts have also shut down. Meanwhile, Netflix, Amazon and Hulu have all been experimenting with short-form offerings, many of them in comedy.

Quibi is "either brilliant or tone deaf," said Tim Hanlon, CEO of Vertere Group. "I just don't know what the answer is and I don't think anybody

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Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to meet

Wabash County's Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be presented by Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. For more information, call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Woman's Clubhouse January luncheon set

The Women's Clubhouse will host the monthly luncheon and program on "The Tradition Dulcimer" by Dan Daniels, New Traditions Dulcimer, at noon Tuesday, Jan. 14. This program is sponsored by Borders and Beyond. Please make reservations by phone to Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

Red Cross plans blood donation opportunity for Jan. 17

The Red Cross has planned a blood donation opportunity from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at Whites Residential and Family Service, 5233 S. 50

Swayzee Lions Club plans euchre event

The Swayzee Lions Club has planned a euchre event for Saturday, Jan. 18 at Swayzee United Methodist Church, 306 S. Washington St., Swayzee. The entry fee is \$12.50. Registration will last from noon to 12:45 p.m. Play begins at 1 p.m. There will be cash prizes for: Most Loners, Highest Score, Second Highest Score, 50-50 Drawing and two entry fee drawings. Soft drinks,

hot dogs, chips, popcorn and candy will be available for a donation. All proceeds support the Lions Club Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Joe Hamilton at 765-922-7280 or Terry Shaw at 765-667-4848.

Red Cross plans blood donation opportunity for Jan. 21

The Red Cross has planned a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Red Cross plans blood donation opportunity for Jan. 22

The Red Cross has planned a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Experience the 'Silence of a Winter's Night'

Enjoy the "Silence of a Winter's Night" from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 at Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The cost is \$10 per person, and space is limited. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

Wabash Tri Kappa to sponsor 14th **Annual Winter Gala**

The gala will take place Saturday, Feb. 1, at Heartland REMC, 250 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased by Tuesday, Jan. 28. Tickets may be purchased from Tri Kappa Members or at the following locations: Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St.; Friermood Tire & Alignment, 1699 Stitt St.; and the dental office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more

information, call Beth Miller

at 260-563-1128.

February Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services interpretive naturalist Lynnanne Fager will share her personal experiences with Indiana bald eagles. The program begins with a carryin meal at noon. Chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo Mc-Clelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga classes

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

DivorceCare to meet every Tuesday

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian

experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to a press release. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email office@ wabashfriends.org: or visit

Komets game to celebrate Wabash **County March 13**

www.divorcecare.org.

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at https://groupmatics. events/event/Wabash community3 or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@ komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization's largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger. Editor's note: If you have an up-

coming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplain dealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

U.S. companies added 202,000 jobs in December

BY JOSH BOAK

BALTIMORE U.S. companies added 202,000 jobs in December, led by robust hiring in construction, trade, transportation and utilities, according to a private survey.

Payroll processor ADP said Wednesday that the bulk of the hiring was among smaller and mid-sized businesses with fewer than 500 employees. Hiring in November was also revised upward to 124,000, a sign that the job market was stronger than past surveys initially suggested.

Construction firms added 37,000 jobs in December. The trade, transportation and utilities sector added a combined 78,000. Health care and social assistance accounted for 46,000 new jobs.

Still, not every industry is hiring. Manufacturers shed

7,000 workers. Leisure and hospitality lost 21,000 jobs last month.

It typically takes roughly 100,000 or so new jobs a month to absorb population growth and keep the unemployment rate from rising.

Friday's government employment report is expected to show an increase of 155,000 jobs with the unemployment rate holding at 3.5 percent. ADP's figures don't include government hiring and frequently diverge from the government's official re-

But Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, said the ADP figure was solid enough that the government report might show gains of 190,000.

"If sustained, that's more than enough to push the unemployment rate down to new lows, and to add upward pressure to wage growth," he WWW.WABASHPLAINDEALER.COM / THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

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Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Iran crisis demands Donald Trump spell out endgame

In a crisis, Americans will follow a drastic reaction. leader who has a plan and can lay out a clear path to a resolution.

Franklin Roosevelt offered this kind of clarity at the Casablanca conference of 1943, when he committed the United States to achieving nothing less than unconditional surrender of the Axis Powers. On a smaller scale, George H.W. Bush employed overwhelming firepower in 1991 to an uncomplicated goal, driving Iraqi troops from Kuwait. He did it in 100 hours, and his approval rating reached 89 percent.

Now it's Donald Trump's turn to spell out his endgame in Iran to Congress and the public.

After ordering the assassination of Iran's top general, Qassem Soleimani, the president needs to explain the way forward for what appears, for now, to be little more than retaliatory brinkmanship with high potential for escalation.

Without question, the world is better off without Soleimani. In the aftermath of the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq, he was blamed for the deaths of more than 600 American troops, in large part by arming insurgents with specialized roadside bombs that could fire molten metal through armored vehicles, eviscerating soldiers riding inside.

Nevertheless, there are a lot of bad men in the world, from Syrian dictator Bashar Assad to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, and America isn't in the business of killing them all. In fact, the administrations of George W. Bush and Barack Obama both determined that the costs of assassinating Soleimani could well exceed the benefits.

Trump's Iran policy, meanwhile, has careened from major caution to

He crippled the only constraint on Iran's nuclear program by pulling out of a 2015 agreement, imposing severe economic sanctions to curtail Tehran's regional aggression. When that didn't work, Trump dispatched emissaries to seek talks and boasted that Islamic leaders were ready to

In fact, reeling from sanctions, Iran chose to lash out - attacking or seizing oil tankers in the Persian Gulf, shooting down a U.S. military drone and briefly taking out half of Saudi Arabia's oil-refining capacity in a coordinated air assault.

Trump remained notably restrained through all of this, calling off a military counter strike in June 10 minutes before it was to be launched, actions that might have emboldened Iranian hard-liners. On Dec. 27, an Iranianbacked militia showered rockets onto a joint U.S.-Iraqi base, and an American contractor died. The United States responded with airstrikes that killed 25 militia fighters, and Iran-supported demonstrators temporarily laid siege to the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

In the midst of this back-and-forth, Trump suddenly – and surprisingly, according to some advisers - ordered the killing of Soleimani, who was visiting Baghdad. State Department officials later said that Soleimani was planning "imminent attacks" and that his killing would de-escalate the Iranian crisis.

'It's very clear the world's a safer place today," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told ABC News.

In fact, that isn't clear at all. Nor is it clear whether the president acted impulsively, or whether he carefully thought through the ramifications.

Trump, who campaigned both as a

tough guy and a candidate opposed to foreign entanglements, finds himself sending thousands more U.S. troops into the Middle East as Iran vows to retaliate, either directly or, more likely, through proxy forces or cyberattacks.

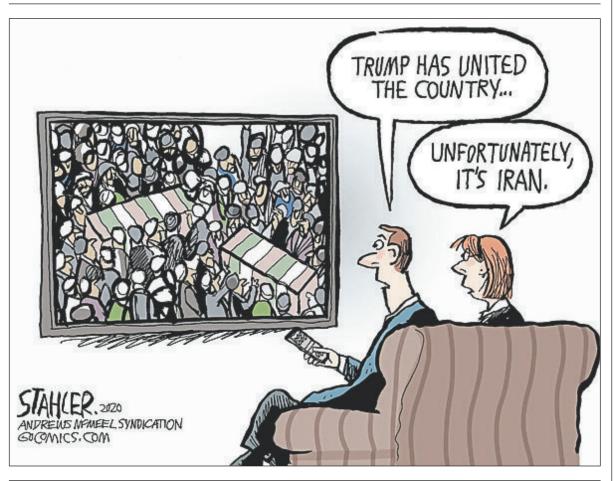
In Tehran, where there had been demonstrations against the regime in November, hundreds of thousands gathered Monday to mourn Soleimani, united in their hatred of America. And in Baghdad, an Iraqi parliament angered about a U.S. assassination carried out on its soil, voted to force out 5,000 U.S. troops deployed there to help fight the Islamic State terrorist group – a move that, if carried out, would boost Iranian influence over Iraq's struggling democracy.

Administration officials are finally scheduling a meeting with members of Congress on Wednesday to brief them on the Soleimani killing. There are a host of crucial questions: What was the proof Soleimani was planning imminent attacks? Has the threat ended with his death? And, most important, what's the ultimate goal?

It's difficult to predict where this is all headed. Perhaps the Soleimani killing will prove to be a necessary punch in the nose to deter a regional bully. But tit-for-tat actions, driven by notions of national pride and religious fervor, have a way of getting out of hand. Iranian leaders said they had 35 U.S. retaliatory targets to choose from. Not to be outdone, Trump said he has 52 Iranian targets in mind, including cultural sites.

Americans deserve to hear a better strategy than can be communicated by bursts of invective on Twitter.

This editorial was first published in USA Today.



The Indy 500: Preserving a celebration of competition

BY STEPHEN E. WILLIAMS

While other sports provide seedings and other advantages to favored participants (e.g. NFL playoffs, NCAA tournament), the Indianapolis 500 has demanded equality of opportunity, not crony capitalism. With few exceptions since 1911, the 33 fastest qualifiers start the race in the order of their qualifying times, no starting positions having been guaranteed to drivers, teams or sponsors despite their pedigree or connections.

This month, Roger Penske will finalize his purchase of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the IndyCar Series. Penske's acquisition of the Speedway has been praised universally. He is seen as someone who can bring more resources to the sport while upholding the traditions that fans hold dear.

Nevertheless, Penske has promised to "break some glass" in an effort to move the sport forward. Alarmingly, in 2019 as a car owner, Penske floated the idea of guaranteed starting places in the Indianapolis 500 for teams running the full IndyCar Series, so-called full-time teams. This is a form of Corporate Welfare that

way draws a live audience of over

300,000 people is that they know

they will see the 33 fastest open-

wheel cars on earth. They expect

IndyCar fans should reject. A major reason that the Speedthis because it's been this way since First, the full-time team could be

The idea of guaranteed spots flies in the face of this tradition of ultimate competition. 1986 champion Bobby Rahal has said that the most frightening thing he has ever done is qualify for the Indianapolis 500. In 1993, he failed to qualify. Other former winners also suffered this fate, among them three-time champion Johnny Rutherford and twotime winner Rodger Ward. In 1995, Penske's drivers Emerson Fittipaldi (two-time Indy winner and two-time Formula One World Champion) and Al Unser, Jr. (two-time Indy winner)

failed to qualify. In May of 2019 in the last minutes of qualifying, a 23-year-old American, Kyle Kaiser, bumped from the starting field the most heralded driver of his generation, two-time Formula One World Champion Fernando Alonso of Spain. Kaiser's team, Juncos Racing, had a budget that would seem like a rounding error compared to Alonso's team, McLaren Racing. This is precisely the type of competition that Indy fans deserve. Again, to deny them this with guaranteed

spots threatens to lessen the Indy experience and diminish the audience both live and on television.

An alternative is to celebrate the

competition, not eliminate it. This

could be done in at least two ways.

guaranteed the prize money paid for last place in the 500. Second, the full-time driver who gets bumped could be guaranteed a five-minute spot on the TV broadcast to tout his sponsors and explain the difficulty in qualifying for the biggest race in the world. These steps would address the teams' commercial interests without lessening the on-track competition.

Even the drivers who fail to qualify appreciate the necessity of starting the fastest 33 cars. Alonso, the world champion who missed the race in 2019, has stated that his primary goal for 2020 is to qualify for and win the Indianapolis 500. Alonso's high regard for the Speedway would be lessened if anyone with merely a large checkbook could qualify for the starting grid.

IndyCar fans must insist that the new ownership group place equality of opportunity before crony capitalism. As Kaiser said when he eliminated Alonso: "This is absolutely the greatest story of my life." The Speedway cannot deny this experience to Indy fans or the next Kyle Kaiser. Let us continue to celebrate the competition of the Indy 500.

Stephen E. Williams, a founder of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, is a partner in Emswiller Williams Noland & Clarke, LLC and an avid Indy car fan. He wrote this at the request of the foundation.

Welcome to Donald Trump's war

This is what we feared, what we warned about. An erratic, petulant, clueless president, manifestly unfit to serve as commander in chief, has sparked a high-stakes

crisis. Eugene international Welcome to Donald Trump's war.

Trump's decision to authorize the assassination of Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani was typically rash and short-sighted. Blowing to smithereens a high-ranking official of a sovereign nation is, by



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any standard, an act of war. Doing so without any discernible plan for what to do next is an act of stupidity, one for which I fear we will pay dearly with American blood and treasure. Think about it: The president of the United States has threatened to bomb

Iran's priceless cultural sites, for no reason except spite and a desire to look "tough." How would that differ from what the Taliban did in Afghanistan? Is this the kind of foreign policy we're supposed to be proud of?

Trump campaigned on a promise to end our involvement in Middle East wars. Despite all his tough talk, he is so conflict-averse that he won't even fire aides who displease him in person, instead using emissaries and tweets. His instinct now will probably be to back off. But I worry that the events he has set in motion will have a logic and momentum of their own.

The administration's claim that Soleimani was planning "imminent" attacks against Americans cannot be believed, simply because nothing this administration says can be believed. It might be true. It also might be nothing more than a pretext for an impetuous and foolish action whose consequences Trump is not capable of fully thinking through.

How can I be so sure the president has no idea what he's doing? Because his Iran policy made no sense from the

He withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal, which offered at least the possibility of constructive engagement, apparently because it had been negotiated by the Obama administration. Trump is so insecure that he must pretend everything Barack Obama did was bad. Trump's new policy toward Iran was called "maximum pressure," a phrase with the kind of macho ring that Trump likes.

Punishing sanctions succeeded in crippling the Iranian economy, but to what end? They did not lead to Iran's capitulation. They did not lead to the fall of the Islamic revolutionary government. They did not end Tehran's support of proxy forces in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Yemen.

Would Iran have moderated its behavior if the United States had offered carrots along with sticks? Maybe, maybe not. We'll never know.

But anyone familiar with the history of U.S.-Iran relations since 1979 would know there was no way the government in Tehran would just knuckle under. Stepped-up attacks against U.S. assets conveniently located in nextdoor Iraq, such as the Dec. 27 rocket attack that killed an American contractor, were contemptible and inexcusable – but predictable.

According to news reports, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo – long among the most implacable of Iran hawks was one of the most insistent voices pressing Trump to greenlight the killing of Soleimani, despite the reservations of some U.S. military leaders. It may indeed be the case that Trump was goaded into this by advisers who played on his delicate ego by telling him anything else would make him look weak.

Pompeo is not the president, though. No matter who egged him on, Trump gave the order. And Trump will chart the way forward, God help us.

Is Trump trying to distract us from impeachment? Is he "wagging the dog" to try to win reelection? If so, not very skillfully. He's still impeached and still faces trial in the Senate. And this is far too early for a rally-roundthe-flag election ploy. By November, the Soleimani assassination will be old news – and there will likely be thousands more U.S. troops deployed in the Middle East than there are now. Having promised to end our long-running wars, Trump will have kept all the old ones going and added a new one.

We can only hope it is a low-intensity war, not an apocalyptic one.

If you saw the images of millions of Iranians in the streets at Soleimani's funeral, you have to anticipate that Tehran will respond to his killing. Trump will then feel he must respond to the response. How far up the ladder this escalates depends on leaders, on both sides, having the sense to understand the need for proportion and restraint. Yet there is no evidence Trump even knows what those words mean.

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Good morning scones

BY LYNDA BALSLEV

fix it. This pertains to great recipes, baking techniques and, more specifically, these scones. I discovered this recipe years ago, published by Cooks Illustrated/America's Test Kitchen, and it's a keeper. Since then, I have made these scones countless times with only the tiniest of tweaks. And, like any tradition worth repeating, these dense, moist and crumbly scones have become a part of our breakfast rotation when the family is gathered together over the holidays, when it's a wintry day outside, or we are expecting friends for brunch.

The technique is specific namely, all ingredients should be as cold as possible. And while the method has steps that dance around this requirement, the good news is that the scones can be formed and cut, and then frozen in advance of baking. Simply pop them into zipper bags and freeze for up to one month. The morning of serving, remove the scones from the freezer and bake them frozen, adding an additional five minutes or so for baking to compensate for their chilliness.

The original recipe calls for blueberries, which are a lovely springtime addition. I

Currant Scones

Active Time: 45 minutes Total Time: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Yield: Makes 8 2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup granulated sugar 2 teaspoons baking powder 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon

1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 cup whole milk 1/2 cup sour cream 1/2 cup (8 tablespoons) frozen butter, plus 2 tablespoons melted butter for brushing

1/2 cup dried currants

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, lemon zest, salt and baking soda in a medium bowl and stir to blend.

Turbinado sugar for sprinkling

Whisk the milk and sour cream in a separate bowl and refrigerate while you grate the butter.

Coarsely grate the frozen butter and place in a bowl. Freeze for 5 minutes and then add the butter to the flour mixture. Quickly mix with the tips of your fingers to combine. Pour in the milk and stir until just combined.

Transfer the mixture to a am partial to currants, so often floured work surface and 27 minutes if frozen).

add them instead, along with knead several times until the If it's not broken, then don't a generous sprinkle of lemon dough holds together in a ragged ball. Roll the dough out into a 12-inch square, adding a little flour as needed. Fold the dough 3 ways into a rectangle, like a business letter, using a metal spatula to lift the dough from the surface as necessary. Fold the short ends of the dough into the center, overlapping, so you have an approximate 4-inch square. Freeze the dough for 5 min-

> Roll the dough out again on a floured surface into a 12-inch square. Sprinkle the currants over the dough, lightly pressing them in to adhere. Roll the dough up into a tight log, then press into a 12-by-4-inch rectangle. Cut the rectangle into 4 equal sections and then cut each section on the diagonal to form 8 triangles.

> If freezing, place the triangles in one layer in a large zipper bag, press the air out, and freeze for up to 1 month. When ready to bake, remove from the freezer and proceed with next step.

Transfer the triangles to a parchment-lined baking sheet. Brush the tops with the melted butter and sprinkle with the turbinado sugar. Bake on the middle rack of the oven until the tops and bottoms are gold-



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en, about 20 minutes (or 25 to SCONES: The morning of serving, remove the scones from the freezer and bake them frozen, adding an additional five minutes or so for baking to compensate for their chilliness.

Almond-crusted baked chicken tenders

BY SONJA GOEDKOOP

For your upcoming Super Bowl party, try our healthier version of deep-fried chicken fingers. These lightenedup, baked almond-crusted chicken tenders are flavorful, crunchy and a definite crowd pleaser (you don't even have to let on that they are better for you). Nuts like almonds contain hearthealthy unsaturated fats, fiber and vitamin E, and are known for their antioxidant properties. Pair with veggies and Greek yogurt-based dips for a healthy, delicious super snack spread.

Chicken Tenders

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cup almonds 2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1 tsp. dried mustard 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 1 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 lbs. thin-sliced chicken breast halves (cut in half) or chicken tenders

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 de-

Pulse almonds in a food processor until finely ground into an almond meal.

Mix the almond meal together with garlic, paprika, dried mustard, oregano, thyme, salt and pepper.

Dredge each piece chicken in egg and coat with almond spice mixture.

Place pieces on lightly greased cookie sheet.



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NUTS: Nuts like almonds contain heart-healthy unsaturated fats, fiber and vitamin E, and are known for their antioxidant properties.

Bake for 20-25 minutes, un-

Makes 8 servings (about 2-3

tenders per serving).

g total fat (1.5 g saturated fat), 4 g carbohydrate, 2 g dietary fiber, 28 g protein, 430 mg so-

Greek Yogurt Ranch Dip

Ingredients:

1 cup nonfat Greek yogurt 1/3 cup buttermilk 1 Tbsp. dried parsley 2 tsp garlic powder 2 tsp. onion powder 1/8tsp. cayenne pepper 1/4; tsp. ground black pepper 1/2 tsp. salt 2 eggs, beaten

1 tsp. Dijon mustard

Fresh chives for garnish Per Serving: 220 calories, 10

Directions

1 Tbsp. fresh chives, finely

1 tsp. lemon juice

In a medium bowl, stir together all ingredients, except

for garnish. Garnish with fresh chives

and serve chilled. Makes 8 (2 Tbsp.) servings. Per Serving: 25 calories, 0 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 3 g carbohydrate, 0 g dietary fiber, 3 g protein, 180 mg sodium.

Greek Yogurt Honey Mustard

Ingredients: 1/2; cup nonfat Greek yogurt 1 Tbsp. honey 1 Tbsp. yellow mustard 2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard 1/8 tsp. salt

Directions

Mix all ingredients together and serve chilled.

Makes 8 (1 Tbsp.) serv-

Per Serving: 20 calories, 0 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 3 g carbohydrate, 0 g dietary fiber, 1 g protein, 150 mg so-

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White House proposes guidelines for regulating the use of AI

BY MATT O'BRIEN

The Trump administration is proposing new rules to guide future federal regulation of artificial intelligence used in medicine, transportation and other industries.

But the vagueness of the principles announced by the White House is unlikely to satisfy AI watchdogs who have warned of a lack of accountability as computer systems are deployed to take on human roles in high-risk social settings, such as mortgage lending or job recruit-

The White House said that in deciding regulatory action, U.S. agencies "must consider fairness, nondiscrimination, openness,

security." But federal agencies must also avoid setting up restrictions that "needlessly hamper AI innovation and growth," reads a memo being sent to U.S. agency chiefs from Russell Vought, acting director of the Office of Management and Budget.

"Agencies must avoid a precautionary approach that holds AI systems to such an impossibly high standard that society cannot enjoy their benefits," the memo

The rules won't affect how federal agencies such as law enforcement use facial recognition and other forms of AI. They are specifically limited to how federal agencies devise new AI regulaThere's a 60-day public comment period before the rules take effect.

"These principles are intentionally high-level," said Lynne Parker, U.S. deputy chief technology officer at the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy. "We purposely wanted to avoid top-down, onesize-fits-all, blanket regulations."

The White House said the proposals unveiled Tuesday are meant to promote private sector applications of AI that are safe and fair, while also pushing back against stricter regulations favored by some lawmakers and activists.

Federal agencies such as the Food and Drug Adminis-

transparency, safety, and tions for the private sector. tration and the Federal Aviation Administration will be bound to follow the new AI principles. That makes the rules "the first of their kind from any government," Michael Kratsios, the U.S. chief technology officer, said in a call with reporters Monday.

Rapid advancements in AI technology have raised fresh concern as computers increasingly take on jobs such as diagnosing medical conditions, driving cars, recommending stock investments, judging credit risk and recognizing individual faces in video footage. It's often not clear how AI systems make their decisions, leading to questions of how far to trust them and when to keep humans in the loop.

Boeing now saying pilots need simulator training for 737 Max

BY DAVID KOENIG

to flying, a reversal of the basic safety standards." company's long-held posiquate.

based on changes to the come but overdue. plane, results from tests involving a small number of pilots, and a commitment to the safe return of the Max, Boeing said.

The final decision on the nature of training will be up to the Federal Aviation Administration and regulators in other countries. The FAA said it will consider Boeing's recommendation but also rely on upcoming further tests using pilots from U.S. and foreign airlines.

Those tests are designed to help regulators determine flight training and emergency procedures, said FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford.

"The FAA is following a thorough process, not a set timeline, to ensure that any design modifications to the 737 Max are integrated with appropriate training and procedures," Lunsford said.

The 737 Max has been grounded worldwide since last March after two crashes killed 346 people. Boeing is making changes to flightcontrol software and other systems in a bid to get the plane back in the air.

Boeing long held that pilots who can fly older 737s only needed a computer course - roughly an hourlong course on a tablet – to fly the Max. That helped airlines avoid timely and costly training in simulators.

Boeing even offered to pay Southwest Airlines a rebate of \$1 million per plane if pilots needed simulator training before flying

Last year, an FAA technical advisory board sided with Boeing and recommended that only computer-based training was needed. However, families of victims of the two crashes lobbied for simulator training, arguing that pilots need to experience how the Max differs from previous versions of the 737.

"Of course this should be required," Nadia Milleron, airlines.

a Massachusetts woman whose daughter, Samya Boeing said Tuesday it Stumo, died in the March is recommending that pi- 2019 Max crash in Ethiolots receive training in a pia, said after Boeing's anflight simulator before the nouncement. "Passengers grounded 737 Max returns should not have to push for

Similarly, the chairman tion that computer-based of a congressional panel intraining alone was ade- vestigating Boeing said the company's endorsement of The recommendation is simulator training was wel-

> 'It's remarkable that it took two deadly crashes, numerous investigations and untold public pressure before Boeing arrived at this decision," said Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., chairman of the House Transportation Committee. He said Boeing "put production and profits ahead of the public's safety" by assuring airlines that its 737 pilots could fly the Max without going through

Boeing's interim CEO, Greg Smith, said in a statement that Boeing decided to recommend simulator training because of the importance to Boeing of gaining public and airline confi-

simulator training.

dence in the Max. U.S. pilot unions stood by Boeing and vouched for the Max's safety after the first crash, in Indonesia in October 2018. The American Airlines union said last April that pilots should practice certain emergencies in a simulator - but only as part of regular training and not necessarily before the Max returned.

Dennis Tajer, a 737 pilot and spokesman for the union, said Tuesday that as more revelations emerged about the design of key systems, the union grew skeptical. He said Boeing's endorsement of simulator training now "sounds like a step in the positive direction."

The U.S. airlines that own Max jets - Southwest, American and United – issued muted statements, saying they would wait for a final decision by FAA.

It is not clear whether a

requirement for simulator training would further delay the return of the Max, which is costing Boeing billions and forcing airlines to cancel thousands of flights. About 800 Max jets have been built, and they were expected to become a bigger part of the fleets at many

U.S., Iran step back from the brink; Trump opts for sanctions

WASHINGTON — The U.S. and Iran stepped back from the brink of possible war Wednesday, as President Donald Trump indicated he would not respond militarily after no one was harmed in Iran's missile strikes on two Iraqi bases housing U.S. troops.

House, Trump seemed intent on deescalating the crisis, which reached a new height after he authorized the targeted killing last week of Gen. Qassem Soelite Quds Force. Iran retaliated overnight with its most direct assault on America since the 1979 seizing of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, firing more than a dozen missiles from its territory at the installations in Iraq.

Trump credited an early warning system "that worked very well" for the fact that no Americans or Iragis were killed. He added that Americans should be "extremely grateful and happy" with the outcome.

greatest tests of his presidency, said Wednesday that Iran appeared to be "standing down" and said the U.S. place new economic sanctions "until Iran changes its

The strikes had pushed Tehran and Washington conflict and put the world's attention on Trump as he weighed whether to respond with more military force. The Republican president delivered his remarks surrounded by his national security advisers in the fover of the White House. His comments came after a latenight tweet in which he insisted "All is well!" after the

talk, the region remained on edge Wednesday. Americans forces, including a about a military operation. quick reaction force dispatched over the weekend, remained on high alert. The conflict could still play out in unpredictable ways in the weeks and months to come, with Tehran's proxies in the region able to carry out attacks. And there was no obvious route toward a rebooting of diplomatic engagement, as Trump pledged to ratchet up the 'maximum pressure" campaign of economic sanctions that helped bring on the recent escalation.

Iran, for days, had promised to respond forcefully to Soleimani's killing, but its limited strike on two bases – one in the northern Iraqi city in Irbil and the other at Ain al-Asad in western Iraq - appeared to signal that it was also uninterested in a wider clash with the U.S. Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif tweeted that the country had "concluded proportionate measures in self-defense.'

Trump, who is facing reelection in November, campaigned for president on a promise to keep the United States from engaging in 'endless war."

On Wednesday he said the United States is "ready to embrace peace with all who seek it." That marked a change in tone from his Tuesday warning, "If Iran does anything that they shouldn't be doing, they're going to be suffering the consequences, and very strongly."

Trump opened his remarks by reiterating his promise that "Iran will never be allowed to have a nuclear weapon," even as that country announced in the wake of Soleimani's killing that it would no longer comply with any of the 2015 nuclear agreement's limits on enrichment that had been put in place to prevent it from

building a nuclear device. He seized on the moment of calm to call for new negotiations to replace the deal

from which he withdrew the

U.S., objecting that it didn't limit Iran's ballistic missile programs or constrain its regional proxy campaigns like those led by Soleimani.

The president spoke directly to Iran, saying, "We want you to have a future and a great future."

Trump also announced he would ask NATO to become "much more involved in the Speaking from the White Middle East process." While he has frequently criticized NATO as obsolete and has participants encouraged to increase their military spending, Trump has sought to have the military alliance leimani, the head of Iran's refocus its efforts on modern threats.

Like U.S. troops in the region, NATO forces have temporarily halted their training of Iraqi forces and their counter-Islamic State efforts, and re-positioned some forces due to the current instability.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, speaking on Wednesday, said the overnight strike was not necessarily the totality of Iran's response.

"Last night they received Trump, facing one of the a slap," Khamenei said. "These military actions are not sufficient (for revenge). What is important is that the corrupt presence of America response would be to put in in this region comes to an

Soleimani's death last week in an American drone strike in Baghdad prompted angry calls for vengeance perilously close to all-out and drew massive crowds of Iranians to the streets to mourn him. Khamenei himself wept at the funeral in a sign of his bond with the commander.

The Iranians fired a total of 15 missiles in the latest strikes, two U.S. officials said. Ten hit the Ain al-Asad air base in Iraq's western Anbar province and one targeted a base in Irbil in Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdish Despite the conciliatory region. Four failed, said the officials, who were not authorized to speak publicly

> U.S. defense officials said American early warning systems detected an incoming ballistic missile well in advance, providing U.S. and coalition forces adequate time to take shelter at both bases. Officials also said that the U.S. was aware of preparations for the attack. It's unclear if any intelligence identified specific targets or was more general.

> Ain al-Asad was first used by American forces after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled dictator Saddam Hussein, and it later was used by American troops in the fight against the Islamic State group. It houses about 1,500 U.S. and coalition forces. Trump visited it in December 2018, making his first presidential visit to troops in the region. Vice President Mike Pence visited both Ain al-Asad and Irbil in November.

> Trump spoke of new sanctions on Iran, but it was not immediately clear what those would be. The primary agencies involved in implementing such penalties – the departments of Commerce, State and Treasury – do not preview those actions to prevent the targets from taking steps to evade them.

> Since withdrawing from the 2015 nuclear deal, the administration has already imposed harsh sanctions on nearly every significant portion of Iran's economic, energy, shipping and military sectors.

> The effort to deescalate the conflict comes after world leaders, including Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Russian President Vladimir Putin, appealed to both sides

> for restraint. The fallout for Trump's order to kill Soleimani had

> been swift. Iraq's Parliament voted to expel U.S. troops from Iraq, which would undermine efforts to fight Islamic State militants in the region and would strengthen Iran's influence in the Mideast.

Stabbings, shootings, assaults weigh on U.S. Jewish youth

BY LUIS ANDRES HENAO

NEW YORK — When a man spewed anti-Semitic slurs and spat on her face, Shoshana Blum remembered her ancestors who survived the Holocaust, and instead of looking down - she defiantly stared at him eye to

The 20-year-old junior at City College of New York left the subway in tears. But months after the attack, she continues to wear proudly the same Star of David necklace she wore that day, and on Sunday, she joined thousands of people in a solidarity march against a rise in anti-Semitism and acts of

"It's important to stand strong in my Judaism," she said. "If this is what's happening when we're out being proud Jewish people, what's it going to be like if we're afraid and in hiding?"

Many young Jewish people in the United States say their generation is searching for ways to cope with an alarming string of recent anti-Semitic attacks across the country.

The "No Hate, No Fear" march on Sunday came as a response to anti-Semitic violence, including the targeting of a kosher grocery in Jersey City, New Jersey, and a knife attack that injured five people at a Hanukkah celebration north of New York City.

"We thought that anti-Semitism was a thing of the past. We learned about it but never thought we would live in it," said Rabbi Jon Leener, 31, who runs Base BKLYN, a home-based ministry that aims to reach out to millennials and Jews of all backgrounds. He attended Sunday's solidarity march and published a photo with his three-year-old son on his shoulders. They held a banner that read: "I love

In the past five years, Leener and his wife, Faith, have welcomed thousands of people into their homebased ministry rooted in openness. Minutes before a class or a Shabbat dinner, he always walked to the front door and unlocked it because the couple believes in a Judaism where no door is shut or locked.

"This is all changing now. After Pittsburgh, after Poway, after Halle (Germany), after Jersey City, after Mondoor unlock(ed)," he recently said on Facebook.

Visitors now must buzz in and Leener installed a se-

"I'm angry that this is our Semitic Incidents. new reality. I hate that anti-Semitism is changing how I practice and share my Judaism to the world," he said.

Anti-Semitic attacks rose worldwide by 13 percent in 2018 compared to the previous year, according to a report by Tel Aviv University's Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary Jewry. The report recorded nearly 400 cases worldwide, with more than a quarter of the major violent cases taking place in

The surge of violent attacks on the Jewish community, most recently in Monsey, New York, have caused consternation nationwide.

"After the stabbing in Monsey, I told my mom, 'This is crazy. He was arrested less than a mile from here, while we were at Shul (synagogue) and celebrating Hanukkah,' " said Blum, who was raised in Chabad-Lubavitch, an Orthodox Jewish Hasidic movement.

The first time that Blum witnessed hate against Jews she was seven. The victim was her father, Rabbi Yonah Blum, who was the head of Columbia Univerbeing Jewish because I love sity's Chabad House for 23

yelling anti-Semitic slurs and slapped his black fedora and his skullcap off his head.

'We're very separated people when it comes to different topics ... but something that has been coming up since the (Monsey) attack, is that we all stand together," she said on a recent Friday as she prepared for the start of the Jewish Sabbath.

Since the Dec. 10 fatal shootings at a Jewish grosey we no longer keep the cery store in Jersey City, there have been 33 anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S., including 26 in New York and New Jersey, accordcurity camera for the front ing to the Anti-Defamation League's Tracker of Anti-

During a recent trip to a conference of young Jewish leaders in New York City, Hezzy Segal, 16, sometimes tucked his yarmulke under his purple Minnesota Vikings snow hat.

"I've never been scared of being Jewish, but with the rise in anti-Semitism, I was more aware of it," said the Minnetonka, Minnesota teen. "It's sad, it's scary for all Jews.

Forty-five percent of teenagers feel that anti-Semitism is a problem for today's teens, according to the largest study of Jewish teens conducted in North America. The Jewish Education Project's GenZ Now Research Report included 18,000 respondents and was published in March 2019.

who is majoring in English. "One of my hopes and dreams is that we live in a world, in a society, where it

andra Cohen, 29, chopped hate?"

who converted to Judaism in

years. As they walked from tomatoes before guests arsynagogue near the campus, rived for a Shabbat dinner in a man came up behind him her studio apartment decorated with menorahs and flags of Israel.

> Cohen said that her connection to Judaism grew stronger after someone put an anti-Semitic message on the door of her dorm at Johns Hopkins University, and later when she traveled to Israel. She said she is combating the negative environment by exposing the positive side of Jewish life.

> Anti-Defamation The League has worked on initiatives, including its "No Place for Hate" anti-bias, anti-bullying initiative. which is in place in schools. Another includes working with juvenile offenders who are involved in some of the incidents.

> Reformed neo-Nazi Shannon Foley Martinez helps people quit hate organizations. She feels she must spread the message that people can change their lives. She hopes her story is a warning to parents.

> "People have preconceived notions of who they think violent white supremacists are," said Martinez, who at 15 became a skinhead who spouted white supremacist rhetoric, gave stiff-armed Nazi salutes and tagged walls with swastikas.

"I grew up in a family with two middle-class parents who have been married for 51 years, I was one of the smartest kids in my class, I was a championship athlete at one point of my life. I "I've already been on my guard a lot," said Thando Mlauzi, 25, a UCLA junior, radicalize into these ideas," don't fit what people's ideas are of who is vulnerable to she said.

"My story is important because of that. We have to look at ourselves and our doesn't matter that I'm black children and think: 'This and Jewish," said Mlauzi, could be my child. Am I actively and intentionally taking steps to not find reso-On a recent Friday, Alex- nance and find resistance to

'Obamacare' mandate: Hot for lawyers, ho-hum to consumers

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR

WASHINGTON repeal of an unpopular fine for people without health insurance has had little impact on "Obamacare" sign-ups or premiums, a gap between the real world and legal arguments from conservatives again challenging the Affordable Care Act.

The 10-year-old has proved more resilient than its creators or detractors imagined, even as the Supreme Court considers whether to take up the latest effort to roll it back.

Opponents argue that the constitutionality of the entire 900-page law hinges on the now-toothless penalty for not having health insurance. Collected as a tax by the IRS, the penalty was intended to enforce the law's "individual mandate" that Americans be insured. A previous Republican-led Congress set the fines to \$0, effective last year.

"We've gotten a lot of evidence by now about what the market looks like without a mandate penalty, and on the whole it looks pretty stable, which is surprising because that's not what most people would have expected when the ACA was being written," said Cynthia Cox, who directs research on the health law for the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

A Kaiser study released this week found that removal of the penalty pushed premiums up about 5 percent going into 2019, but the bottom line was a wash because of other factors. Insurers ap-

peared to be making healthy The penalty was thought to be critical when the law was being written in 2009-2010. The idea was to nudge healthy people to sign up, helping keep premiums in check. But Cox said there's

no indication that healthy

people have dropped out in

droves. In one telling statistic, the Kaiser study found that average hospital days per 1,000 people enrolled dipped slightly in 2019, even after the penalty was eliminated.

Preliminary government enrollment numbers for 2020 point to stability, with about 8 million people signed up in the 38 states served by the federal HealthCare.gov website. A final count including states that run their own sign-up efforts is expected by the

The insurance mandate was the central issue when the Supreme Court first upheld the health care law in 2012, over a year before HealthCare.gov opened for business.

Chief Justice John Roberts cast the key vote in that 5-4 decision. He found that Congress lacked constitutional authority to require that Americans have health insurance. But because Congress has broad powers to levy taxes, Roberts ruled that a tax on people who did not purchase coverage offered them was constitutional. That allowed the law to survive what's still seen as its most serious legal challenge. Kathleen Sebelius, health

secretary for President Barack Obama, said in 2012 that it was generally accepted that the insurance mandate was part of a threelegged stool key to stable markets. The other two legs taxpayer-provided subsidies for premiums and a guarantee that patients with preexisting medical conditions could no longer

"It was thought that the trade-off for changing the rules on preexisting conditions would have to be ... some penalty incentive so you would get healthy peonot-healthy people," Sebelius said. "What became clear when the law went into effect (in 2014) is that the subsidies in many ways provided a greater incentive for people get health insurance.'

Those subsides are designed so that low- and moderate-income households only spend a fixed percentage of their incomes on premiums, shielding consumers from high sticker prices.

Cox agreed that the law's "carrots" seem to have made more of a difference than its 'stick.'

Fast-forward to 2018 and a coalition of conservative states led by Texas won a lower court decision that the insurance mandate was still critical, in a legal and constitutional sense.

U.S. District Court Judge Reed O'Connor in Texas ruled that by zeroing out the tax penalty, Congress rendered the insurance mandate unconstitutional, and without it the entire health law must fall. President Donald Trump agreed.

Recently, a federal appeals court in New Orleans agreed with O'Connor that an unenforceable insurance mandate is unconstitutional. But the appeals court sent the case tices," he added, "and they back to him to see whether do take theory seriously."

other parts of the law can stand.

Defending the law, a coalition of Democratic-led states, along with the U.S. House, appealed to the Supreme Court, seeking a fast-track decision amid this year's presidential election. The court has asked lawyers for the conservative states to respond by Friday on the timing question.

University of Michigan law professor Nicholas Bagley said the stability of the health insurance markets exposes "the artificiality" of the conservatives' argument.

"It really goes to show how ridiculous it is to claim that Congress understood the mandate to be so essential that if it were to be red-lined out, the rest of the law would have to fall," said Bagley.

Not so fast, said Andrew Schlafly, a lawyer representing groups siding with Texas and the other GOP-led states opposing the law.

'The question is not whether in reality (the ACA) can work without the mandate," said Schlafly. "The test is whether it was intended to work without the mandate.

'Theory does matter to these Supreme Court jus-





Sports

Eagles fall to New Heights

In the first game of the new year, the Emmanuel Christian basketball team fell to New Heights of Fort Wayne, 67-56. Preston Ritzema had 16 points while Riley Miller added 16 points and nine rebounds. Brogan Templin chipped in 10 points.

West Virginia's Huggins fined for referring to refs as '3 blind mice'

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) - The Big 12 Conference has fined West Virginia coach Bob Huggins \$10,000 for referring to an officiating crew as "three blind mice" after a recent loss at No. 3 Kansas.

The league announced the fine in a statement that also issued a public reprimand.

"Coach Huggins' comments following the West Virginia vs. Kansas basketball game violate the Big 12 Conference's sportsmanship policy," Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said in the statement Tuesday. "Because this is Coach Huggins' third such incident, a public reprimand and a fine of \$10,000 is appropriate."

Huggins made the comments in a postgame radio interview Saturday after the 60-53 loss in Lawrence, Kansas.

"I can't control what those three blind mice running around out there do," Huggins said.

Brewers' Counsell gets 3-year contract extension through 2023

MILWAUKEE (AP) Milwaukee general manager David Stearns didn't have to do much thinking when it came to a new long-term deal for Brewers manager Craig Counsell.

"Both Craig and I thought this was probably an inevitability at some point," Stearns said Wednesday after announcing a three-year extension for Counsell through the 2023 season. "It was just a matter of finding a time to work

through the details.' Hired to replace Ron Roenicke a month into the 2015 season, Counsell led the Brewers to consecutive postseason appearances for the first time in team history.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



DRIVE: Northfield's Emma Hoover drives past her opponent into the lane during Tuesday's game against Bluffton.

Second-half surge sends Norse past Tigers

BY JACOB RUDE

In its return to the home court for the first time since winning the Wabash County Tournament on Monday, the Northfield girls' basketball team flexed its muscle across the final three quarters to earn a comfortable 58-35.

In a game that was tight into the second quarter, the Norse started a run that saw them score 24 of the next the 2:43 mark but Northfield 28 points over the final period of the first half and both into the fourth quarter. quarters of the second half. Leading 28-17, Northfield fourth with a layup before from Stout, Emily Penning-

scored the final five points of a three-point play from locker room up 16 points.

The hosts then opened the second half in a flurry as baskets from Hoover, Kenzie basket wouldn't come until still carried a 24-point lead

the second quarter on a bas- Hoover and a layup from ket from Emma Hoover and Leming capped off what was a three-pointer from Fayth a 24-4 run spanning the end Leming to head into the of the second period to the start of the fourth.

While the latter stages of the contest were comfortable for the Norse, the Baer and Kearston Stout to opening stages were not. open the period extended the Bluffton took an early lead lead to 43-17. Bluffton's first on baskets from Emme Northfield closed the pe-

ton and Ainsley Dale to lead 14-9 after one.

The lead continued to grow in the second period despite multiple timeouts from Bluffton in unsuccessful attempts to stem the tide.

Hoover led the Norse with 16 points and five assists. Stout had 15 points and six rebounds, Baker had 10 points and seven Boots and Zoe Barger. The rebounds and Leming had Tigers led for almost the nine points. Northfield will entire second half before travel to Tippecanoe Valley on Thursday to take on the Addi Baker opened the riod with the final six points current leaders of the con-

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Indianapolis ramping up prep work for 2022 championship game

BY MICHAEL MAROT

INDIANAPOLIS — Susan Baughman will spend this weekend getting learning the nuances of putting on a national championship

Then the Indianapolis College Football Playoff host committee president will spend the next two years using those lessons to come up with a game plan.

On Wednesday, Baughman announced the rest of her team then took a few May. moments to contemplate the four-day event Indy be host- cold-weather city to host

'We're going to overprepare, we're going to plan for everything," Baughman said. "We're going to take a look (in New Orleans) at how we can develop our plan here."

Indianapolis has plenty of experience hosting major events, including seven Final Fours, the 2000 NBA Finals, multiple Olympics trials, the 2002 basketball world championships, the 2012 Super 2024. Bowl and races including the annual Indianapolis 500 each

college football's marquee look at this event and others game.

Monday night's game will be played in New Orleans, joining a growing list of metro areas that have held the game — Dallas, Phoenix, Tampa, Florida, Atlanta and Santa Clara, California. Next year's game will be played in Miami and then the game goes to metro Los Angeles and Houston in 2023 and

But Indy will be the first keep Indy in the mix.

"Indiana Sports Corp. will

for the future calendar," she said. "I think we're going to do a great job with it and we want them to come back here. We want to make it so easy for them to come back here.'

But Baughman, 14-member executive committee and 23-member board of directors also will be working around a busy schedule. Indianapolis already is slat-

ed to host the NBA All-Star If Baughman pulls off a Game, the men's basketball successful event in January Final Four and the Big Ten 2022, she knows it could football championship in

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MLB

Nats-Mets, Tigers-Indians start earliest opening day

NEW YORK (AP) -The World Series champion Washington Nationals will be at the New York Mets, and Detroit will play at Cleveland on March 26 in the first two games of Major League Baseball's earliest opening day other than international games.

Washington's game is part of a nationally televised tripleheader on ESPN and will be followed by San Francisco at the Los Angeles Dodgers at 4:10 p.m. EDT and the Los Angeles Angels at AL champion Houston at 7:10 p.m.

Other AL opening-day games (all times EDT) are: Kansas City at the Chicago White Sox (2:10 p.m.), New York Yankees at Baltimore (3:05 p.m.), Boston at Toronto (3:37 p.m.), Minnesota at Oakland (4:07 p.m.) and Texas at Seattle (4:10 p.m.).

NL openers include the Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee (2:10 p.m,), St. Louis at Cincinnati (4:10 p.m.), Philadelphia at Miami (4:10 p.m.), Colorado at San Diego (4:10 p.m.) and Atlanta at Arizona (10:10 p.m.). The one interleague matchup has Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay (4:10 p.m.).

All 30 teams could play on opening day for the first time since 1968. A full slate was scheduled in 2018 but two games were postponed because of bad weather. The 2020 regular season is to end Sept. 27, putting the World Series on track for

Oct. 20-28.

Globe Life Field, the new home of the Texas Rangers, opens March 31 with a game against the Angels at 4:05 p.m. This is the first new ballpark since the Atlanta Braves' SunTrust Park opened in 2017. Globe Life will be the seventh big league stadium with a retractable roof after those in Toronto, Phoenix, Seattle, Houston, Milwaukee and Miami. Tampa Bay has a fixed roof.

The Angels host the Dodgers on July 10-11 heading into the All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on July 14 giving both teams a rare Sunday off on July 12.

San Diego plays Arizona in a two-game series on April 18-19 in the first regular-season games in Mexico City, and Miami hosts the Mets in a three-game series at San Juan, Puerto Rico, from April 28-30. The Cubs and Cardinals will play two games in London, on June 13 at 1:10 p.m. and the following day at a time to be determined.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU's Joe Burrow, Justin Jefferson lead AP all-bowl team

BY STEVE MEGARGEE

Joe Burrow and Justin Jefferson were easy selections for The Associated Press All-Bowl Team after they lege Football Playoff semifinal blowout of Oklahoma. Selecting the rest of the

Although the season won't

end until LSU faces Clemgame Monday night in New stead. Maybe next year. Orleans, all the postseason games with "bowl" in the title have been played. So why wait?

Because some defenses run

backs in picking the honoran all-purpose player and a touchdown run. third running back. There were far more receiv-

team wasn't nearly as simple. ers than tight ends worthy of consideration, so we left out the tight end position and son in the championship went with three receivers in-

OFFENSE Quarterback

Joe Burrow, LSU (Peach): (Orange): Perine ran for 138 up with 14 receptions for 227

a 4-3 scheme, some run a 3-4 The Heisman Trophy winner yards and caught five passes yards. and others use the nickel as tied a bowl record by throwed four linemen, four line- in the top-ranked Tigers' 63backers and five defensive 28 victory over No. 4 Oklahoma — all in the first half connected for four first-half ees. There are also 13 players Burrow went 29 of 39 for 394 touchdowns in LSU's Col- on offense, since we include yards passing. He also had a ming (Arizona): Valladay

Running back

(Cotton): Brown rushed for 202 yards and two touchdowns on just 16 carries in the 13th-ranked Nittany Lions' 53-39 triumph over No. 15 Memphis. He scored from

32 and $\overline{56}$ yards away. Lamical Perine, Florida down passes. Jefferson ended

for 43 yards in the ninththeir base defense, AP including seven touchdown passes ranked Gators' 36-28 victory rus): Jeudy caught an 85had two touchdown runs and one touchdown catch. Xazavian Valladay, Wyo-

rushed for 204 yards and one touchdown on 26 carries as Wyoming beat Georgia State Journey Brown, Penn State 38-17. He also caught three passes for 91 yards, including a 63-yard score.

Wide receiver Justin Jefferson, LSU (Peach): Jefferson caught four of Burrow's seven touch-

Jerry Jeudy, Alabama (Citover No. 24 Virginia. Perine yard touchdown pass on No. 9 Alabama's first play from scrimmage and finished with six receptions for 204 yards in a 35-16 victory over No. 17 Michigan. Tyler Johnson, Minnesota

(Outback): Johnson had 12 receptions for 202 yards and two touchdowns as No. 16 Minnesota defeated No. 9 Auburn 31-24.

Line Tremayne Anchrum and

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Capela, HOU

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Houston at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

Today's Games

Friday's Games Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m. New Orleans at New York, 7:15 p.m. Miami at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

Denver at Dallas

Houston at Atlanta

7 p.m.

Tennessee Tech

10:30 p.m.

Michigan State

Jacksonville State

State at California

FS1: Washington at

PAC-12N: Washington

ESPN2: Brigham Young at

ESPNU: Arizona State at

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ESPNU: Quinnipiac at

ESPNU: Austin Peay at

ACCN: Duke at Virginia

BTN: Michigan at

Wichita State

AUTO RACING

6 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Tuesday's men's scores EAST
Boston College 60, Virginia 53
Brown 79, Johnson & Wales (RI) 53
Cornell 100, SUNY-Purchase 68 Houston 78, Temple 74 Maryland 67, Ohio St. 55 Quinnipiac 80, Rider 61 Rutgers 72. Penn St. 61

Rutgers 72, Penn St. 61
Virginia Tech 67, Syracuse 63
SOUTH
East Carolina 62, South Florida 59
Florida 81, South Carolina 68
Kentucky 78, Georgia 69
Louisville 74, Miami 58
MIDWEST
Akron 84, W. Michigan 69
Ball St. 88, Buffalo 68

Ball St. 88, Buffalo 68 Bowling Green 78, Miami (Ohio) 76 Cent. Michigan 68, N. Illinois 67 Drake 65, Loyola of Chicago 62 Kent St. 84, Toledo 77 Missouri St. 67, Illinois St. 63 N. Iowa 68, Indiana St. 60 Nebraska 76, lowa 70 Ohio 74, E. Michigan 68 Providence 81, Marquette 80 S. Illinois 63, Valparaiso 50 TCU 59, Kansas St. 57 Tennessee 69, Missouri 59 Villanova 64, Creighton 59
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Baylor 57, Texas Tech 52 Texas A&M 57, Mississippi 47

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Tuesday's Games Maryland 67, Ohio St. 55 Nebraska 76, lowa 70 Wednesday's Games Northwestern at Indiana Illinois at Wisconsin

Today's Games Purdue at Michigan, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Michigan St., 9 p.m. Friday's Game Maryland at Iowa, 7 p.m.

NFL

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 11
Minnesota at San Francisco, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)
Tennessee at Baltimore, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 12 Sunday, Jan. 12
Houston at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
Seattle at Green Bay, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19 AFC. 3:05 p.m. (CBS)

NFC, 6:40 p.m. (FOX) Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
NFC champion vs. AFC champion, 6:30 p.m.

(FOX)

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Wednesday's Games Washington at Philadelphia Winnipeg at Toronto Dallas at Los Angeles

Today's Games Winnipeg at Boston, 7 p.m. Vancouver at Florida 7 n m Edmonton at Montreal, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Buffalo at St. Louis, 8 p.m Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Minnesota at Calgary, 9 p.m. Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m. Los Angeles at Vegas, 10 p.m Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m. Friday's Games

Arizona at Carolina, 7:30 p.m. Ottawa at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m.

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Dallas San Antonio

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Utah Oklahoma City

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Remaining free agents AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE (1) — Mark Trumbo, dh-of-1b. BOSTON (5) — Andrew Cashner, rhp; Jhoulys Chacín, rhp: Brock Holt, inf-of: Mitch Moreland, 1b; Steve Pearce, 1b-of. CHICAGO (4) — Ross Detwiler, Ihp; Jon Jay, of; Iván Nova, rhp; Héctor Santiago, Ihp. CLEVELAND (4) — Ryan Flaherty, inf; Jason Kipnis, 2b; Dan Otero, rhp; Yasiel Puig, of. DETROIT (5) — Edwin Jackson, rhp: Gordon Beckham, 2b; Jordy Mercer, ss; Matt Moore, Ihp; Tyson Ross, rhp. HOUSTON (3) — Robinson Chirinos, c; Collin McHugh, rhp; Héctor Rondón, rhp. KANSAS CITY (1) — Alex Gordon, of. LOS ANGELES (1) — Trevor Cahill, rhp.

MINNESOTA (1) — Jason Castro, c. NEW YORK (5) — Edwin Encarnación, dh-1b; Brett Gardner, of; Cory Gearrin, rhp; Cameron Maybin, of; CC Sabathia, lhp.
SEATTLE (4) — Félix Hernández, rhp; Wade
LeBlanc, lhp Tommy Milone, lhp; Arodys Vizcaíno, rhp. TEXAS (6) — Welington Castillo, c; Logan

Forsythe, inf: Nate Jones, rhp: Shawn Kelley, rhp; Hunter Pence, dh-of; Edinson Vólquez, rhp. TORONTO (1) -- Clay Buchholz, rhp. NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (4) — Jarrod Dyson, of; Wilmer Flores, of; Yoshihisa Hirano, rhp; Adam Jones,

ATLANTA (9) -Jerry Blevins, Ihp; Francisco Cervelli, c; q-Josh Donaldson, 3b; Billy Hamilton, of; Adeiny Hechavarría, inf; Matt

Joyce, of; Brian McCann, c; Anthony Swarzak rhp; Josh Tomlin, rhp. CHICAGO (11) — Tony Barnette, rhp; Nick Castellanos, of; Xavier Cedeño, lhp; Steve Cishek, rhp; Derek Holland, lhp; Brandon Kintzler, rhp; Jonathan Lucroy, c; Brandon Morrow, rhp; David Phelps, rhp; Pedro Strop, rhp; Ben Zobrist, inf-of.

CINCINNATI (2) — José Iglesias, ss; Alex

Texas A&M Oberhof, Germany (taped) **GOLF COLLEGE BASKETBALL** 7 p.m. GOLF: PGA Tour: The Sony Open, First Round, Honolulu 11 p.m.

at Missouri

8 p.m.

9 p.m.

GOLF: EPGA Tour: The Hong Kong Open, Second Round, Hong Kong 5 a.m. (Friday)

ESPN: Baylor at UConn

SECN: Mississippi State

ACCN: Louisville at Miami

SECN: Louisiana State at

BTN: Maryland at Iowa

GOLF: EPGA Tour: The South African Open, Second Round, Randburg, South Africa

NBA BASKETBALL 7 p.m. TNT: Boston at Philadelphia **9:**30 p.m. TNT: Houston at

8:30 p.m. NBCSN: Nashville at Chicago **TENNIS** 6 p.m.

Oklahoma City

NHL HOCKEY

TENNIS: ATP/WTA: ATP Cup Day 8 Quarterfinals; Auckland-WTA & Brisbane-WTA Quarterfinals; Shenzhen-WTA Semifinals 6 a.m. (Friday)

TENNIS: ATP/WTA: ATP Cup Day 8 Quarterfinals Evening Session; Auckland-WTA & Brisbane-WTA Quarterfinals

Sacramento 114. Phoenix 103 Wood, Ihp. L.A. Lakers 117, New York 87

Wednesday's Games
Miami at Indiana COLORADO (2) — Yonder Alonso, 1b-of; Drew Butera, c. LOS ANGELES (3) — David Freese, 3b; Jedd San Antonio at Boston Toronto at Charlotte

Gyorko, inf. Russell Martin, c. MIAMI (4) — Starlin Castro, inf. Curtis Granderson, of; Martín Prado, 1b-3b; Neil Walker, 1b-3b.
MILWAUKEE (3) — Matt Albe Jackson, rhp; Eric Thames, 1b. - Matt Albers, rhp; Jay NEW YORK (5) — Luis Avilán, Ihp; Rajai Davis, of; Todd Frazier, 3b; Juan Lagares, of; René

PHILADELPHIA (11) — Corey Dickerson, of; Jared Hughes, rhp; Tommy Hunter, rhp; Brad Miller, inf-of; Logan Morrison, 1b; Pat Neshek, rhp; Juan Nicasio, rhp; Sean Rodríguez, inf-of; Drew Smyly, lhp; Jason Vargas, lhp; Nick

Vincent, rhp.
PITTSBURGH (3) — Melky Cabrera, of; Lonnie Chisenhall, of; Francisco Liriano, lhp.
ST. LOUIS (3) — Tony Cingrani, lhp; Marcell Ozuna, of; Matt Wieters, c.
SAN DIEGO (3) — Aaron Loup, lhp; Craig Stammen, rhp; Adam Warren, rhp.
SAN EPANCISCO (3) — Francia Abod, lhp.

SAN FRANCISCO (2) — Fernando Abad, Ihp; Pablo Sandoval, 3b. WASHINGTON (8) — Matt Adams, 1b; Asdrúbal Cabrera, 2b-3b; Brian Dozier, 2b; Jeremy Hellickson, rhp; Daniel Hudson, rhp; Fernando Rodney, rhp; Jonny Venters, lhp;

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms C Jason Castro on a one-year contract. Designated LHP Adalberto Mejía for

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jimmy Nelson on a one-year

MIAMI MARLINS — Designated RHP Austin Brice for assignment. Agreed to terms with OF Corey Dickerson on a two-year contract Named James Rowson bench coach, Billy Hatcher first base/outfield coach, Wellingto Cepeda bullpen coach and Eddy Rodriguez

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Named Mike Rabelo assistant hitting coach.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Named Antoan Richardson first base, outfield and baserunning coach and Nick Ortiz quality assurance coach.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with 2B Starlin Castro on a two-year **RASKETRALI**

National Basketball Association GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Waived F F00TBALL

National Football League CAROLINA PANTHERS — Named Matt Rhule coach. Signed DE Efe Obada to a one-year contract extension DALLAS COWBOYS — Named Mike

DETROIT LIONS — Promoted Hank Fraley to offensive line coach and Billy Yates to assistant offensive line coach. Signed RB Tra Carson to a reserve/future contract.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed OT Brandon
Hitner to a reserve/future contract.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Placed DB Juan Thornhill on IR. Signed G Ryan Hunter. NEW ENGLAND PATROITS — Signed DL

Tashawn Bower to a future contract.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed CB Dylan
Mabin to a reserve/future contract. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed TE Alex Ellis, DT Albert Huggins, QB Kyle Lauletta, C Keegan Render, CB Tremon Smith and WRs

River Cracraft, Marcus Green and Marken Michel to reserve/future contracts. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed OLB Quinton Bell, C Anthony Fabiano, S Deiondre' Hall, DL Jeremiah Ledbetter, TE Jordan Leggett, CB Herb Miller, OT Brad Seaton to erve/future contracts

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named Dr. Kevin Wilk medical consultant. HOCKEY National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Reassigned RW Kiefer

Sherwood to San Diego (AHL).
BUFFALO SABRES — Recalled D Lawrence Pilut from Rochester (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Recalled D Joel Hanley from Texas (AHL). Placed D John Klingberg on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 1. NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Named John Hynes coach. Acquired F Michael McCarron from the Montreal Canadiens for F Laurent SOCCER Major League Soccer
LOS ANGELES FC — Announced that the

club and F Rodolfo Zelaya have mutually agreed to part ways.

NEW YORK CITY - Named Matt Goodman chief operating officer and chief commercia NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed Ms Jared

Stroud and Chris Lema. VANCOUVER WHITECAPS — Named Mark National Women's Soccer League NWSL — Announced the resignation of

president Amanda Duffy to become executive vice president of Orlando City, effective Feb WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Signed M Jaye **USL League One**

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION II — Signed M Mayele Malango, F Connor Presley and Ds Collin Verfurth and Nick Woodruff. COLLEGE GEORGIA — G Solomon Kindley will enter

RUTGERS — Named Augie Hoffmann

Five Heisman winners suit up for Ravens-Titans matchup

BY DAVID GINSBURG AP Sports Writer

OWINGS MILLS, Md. The top prize for individual excellence in college football is the Heisman Trophy. For the first time in the Super Bowl era, five winners of that prestigious keepsake are expected to suit up in the same game, each in pursuit of the NFL's most coveted team award the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Baltimore will bring three Heisman winners (Lamar Jackson, Mark Ingram, Robert Griffin III) into Saturday night's playoff game against Tennessee, which has a pair of players (Marcus Mariota, Derrick Henry) who accepted the trophy presented annually to the most outstanding performer in college football.

about that," said Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson, who won the 2016 Heisman with Louisville. "It's going to be incredible.'

For all he accomplished at Louisville during that amazing season three years ago, Jackson would gladly trade his statue for the opportunity to hoist the trophy in Miami on Feb. 2. "That's the trophy I want,"

Jackson said. "That's the best trophy you can get playing football. That's what I want, that's what the team wants, that's what we're going to get." Jackson hopes to receive

help from Ingram (Alabama, 2009) and backup Package." Could we see it again this

weekend?

that's not my decision," focused on beating the Tennessee Titans, and if the Heisman package is part of that, that's what we're going to do."

asked the significance of having Baltimore's Heisthe stadium by Mariota (Oregon, 2014) and Henry (Alabama, 2015).

on the field and saying, 'Oh man, there's five Heisman Trophy winners out there.' But it is a cool aspect of the game," Griffin said. "Maybe we'll get a picture after the game, but I know that's not in life and think, 'That was what we're thinking about right now."

The Titans benched Mariota in mid-October after the offense managed only one touchdown in a 10-quarter span and was coming off a shutout loss in Denver. Since being replaced by Ryan Tannehill, Mariota has been playing the role of the opposteam, this week doing his best imitation of Jackson for the Tennessee defense. Mariota has played in each

quarterback Robert Griffin of the past two games, how-III (Baylor, 2011). Grif- ever, throwing a 24-yard that."

fin will start on the bench pass to A.J. Brown in the against the Titans and In- regular-season finale win gram is questionable with in Houston and a 4-vard a calf injury, but earlier toss to Dion Lewis in last this season all three were week's playoff win over in the backfield for what New England. Mariota will was dubbed "The Heisman hit the free-agent market in

Henry and Ingram both surpassed 1,000 yards rush-"It could resurface but ing this year. The former Crimson Tide stars won't Griffin said. "I know we're necessarily have to seek each other before Saturday's game because they just recently spoke.

"I talked to Mark the other day, and we were just Griffin chuckled when catching up," Henry said.

Winning the Heisman Trophy automatically man trio being joined at makes the recipient part of a very special club. That's why the modern football world has never before seen "I wouldn't say we're get- five Heisman winners in "Five? I didn't even think ting dressed and going out uniform at the same NFL game.

"There are only so few of us, and every year there's only one more," Griffin said. "So this game, it's something that you'll reflect on later a really cool moment.' But when you're in the moment, it's not as if we're all walking around with HEISMAN on the back of our shirt or carrying our Heisman Trophies.'

Like Jackson, Griffin wasn't even aware he was on the brink of sharing in a historic moment.

"If no one told me there ing quarterback on the scout were five Heisman Trophy winners in the game, it wouldn't click for me," RG3 said. "But yeah, now that people have been saying it, I'm honored to be part of

PREP

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women's basketball tournament in 2021 and 2022, the Big Ten men's basketball tournament in 2022 games in the 2022 NCAA said. "We're really learning concerts.

That's all in addition to

2021 as well as the Big Ten the Brickyard 400 and possibly NFL and NBA playoff games.

men's basketball tourna- from each other about how to put on all these events." Organizers plan to have

the Indianapolis 500 and a fan fair downtown, as it did for the Super Bowl in 2012. They also want to include fans in media day "We really see that as festivities, are planning to hold a public tailgate party and first- and second-round work together," Baughman and will have venues for

TEAM

Continued from B1

(Fiesta): Clemson's two offensive tackles helped limit Heisman Trophy finalist Chase Young in the thirdranked Tigers' 29-23 victory over No. 2 Ohio State in the other CFP semifinal.

Samuel Cosmi, (Alamo): Cosmi anchored a line that helped Texas rush for 231 yards against a 12th-ranked Utah team that had been leading the nation in run defense. Utah also ranked third in total defense, but Texas gained 438 total yards in its 38-10 victory.

Charlie Heck, North Carolina (Military): North Carolina's left tackle led a line that allowed no sacks against Temple, which had 39 during the regular season. North Carolina gained 534 yards in a 55-13 blowout.

Ford Higgins, Navy (Liberty): Navy's center helped pave the way for quarterback Malcolm Perry's 213yard rushing performance as the 21st-ranked Midshipmen edged Kansas State, 20-17. Navy controlled the ball for 36 ½ minutes against a Kansas State team that was ranked fourth in time of possession. James Hudson, Cincinnati

(Birmingham): The Michigan transfer made his Cincinnati debut as a starting left tackle and helped the 23rd-ranked Bearcats gain 343 yards in a 38-6 rout of Boston College. **All-purpose**

Lynn Bowden Jr., Ken-

tucky (Belk): The receiverturned-quarterback rushed for 233 yards and two scores and threw a game-winning Virginia Tech. **DEFENSE**

touchdown pass with 15 seconds remaining in Kentucky's 37-30 victory over Line

A.J. Epenesa, Iowa (Holi-

day): The Associated Press

All-America second-team

defensive end collected 2 ½

a benefit because we can

California, 49-24. Malcolm Koonce, Buffalo (Bahamas): Koonce had two of Buffalo's five sacks in a 31-9 rout of Charlotte. He

also forced a fumble and had

five tackles. Jesse Lemonier, Liberty (Cure): Lemonier had eight tackles and recorded two sacks to improve his twoyear career sack total to 20 ½. He was named the game's most valuable player after Liberty's 23-16 victory over Georgia Southern.

Kenny Willekes, Michigan State (Pistripe): Willekes made nine tackles, forced a fumble and delivered 1 ½ sacks in Michigan State's 27-21 triumph over Wake Forest.

Linebacker

Joseph Ossai, Texas (Alamo): Ossai posted nine tackles - six for loss - and three sacks against Utah.

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, Notre Dame (Camp-World): Technically listed as a rover, Owusu-Koramoah recorded nine tackles - four for loss - and three sacks in the 14thranked Fighting Irish's 33-9 victory over Iowa State. He also forced and recovered a fumble. Micah Parsons, Penn

State (Cotton): Parsons had seven solo tackles, seven assists, three tackles for loss, two sacks, two forced fumbles and two pass breakups against Memphis. Rashad Smith, Florida At-

lantic (Boca Raton): Smith scored on a 34-yard fumble return and also had a 22yard interception return as well as 11 tackles in FAU's 52-28 triumph over SMU. Secondary

Khoury Bethley, Hawaii (Hawaii): Bethley made 10 solo tackles - one for loss and picked off two passes in a 38-34 victory over BYU. His second interception clinched the game with 25 seconds left. Brady Breeze, Oregon

sacks and forced a fumble as (Rose): Breeze scored on a the 19th-ranked Hawkeyes 31-yard fumble return and defeated No. 22 Southern also forced a fumble to set up No. 7 Oregon's go-ahead touchdown in a 28-27 victory over No. 11 Wisconsin. He had 11 tackles and a pass

breakup. Antwan Collier and Richie Grant, Central Florida (Gasparilla): Grant had 10 tackles in a 48-25 win over Marshall and opened the scoring with a 39-yard interception return. Collier had a 34-yard interception return, two fumble recoveries and six tackles.

Richard LeCounte, Georgia (Sugar): LeCounte picked off two passes in the fifth-ranked Bulldogs' 26-14 victory over No. 8 Baylor.

Elijah Molden, Washington (Las Vegas): Molden had a 31-yard interception return, forced a fumble and made nine tackles in Washington's 38-7 victory over No. 18 Boise State.

SPECIAL TEAMS Kicker

Riley Patterson, Memphis (Cotton): Patterson made all six of his field-goal attempts, connecting from 37, 41, 42, 44, 48 and 51 yards away. His accuracy gave him a slight edge over Western Kentucky's Cory Munson, who made a game-winning 52-yarder on the final play of the First Responder Bowl but missed a 29-yard attempt earlier in the game. **Punter**

Michael Turk, Arizona

State (Sun): Turk averaged 45.8 yards on his eight punts and had four of them downed inside the 20-yard line in the Sun Devils' 20-14 victory over Florida State. He landed three straight punts inside Florida State's 10 in the third quarter. Returner

Smith-Marsette,

Ihmir

Iowa (Holiday): Smith-Marsette scored on a 98-yard kickoff return. He also had a six-yard touchdown run and a 12-yard touchdown

Portland 101, Toronto 99 Oklahoma City 111, Brooklyn 103, OT Memphis 119 Minnesota 112

Detroit 115, Cleveland 113

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

QB Jake Fromm leaving Georgia to enter NFL draft

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

ATLANTA — Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm is heading to the NFL, despite some struggles during a junior season that led to speculation he might return for one more year with the Bulldogs.

Fromm announced his decision Wednesday in a statement on his Twitter page, one week after leading the Bulldogs to a 26-14 victory over Baylor in the Sugar

"This decision and process has been unbelievably difficult," he wrote. "But through much prayer and counsel, I have decided that it is time for me to take on the next

Fromm threw for a careerhigh 2,860 yards this season, with 24 touchdowns and just five interceptions. But he posted the lowest completion percentage (60.8) and quarterback rating (141.2) of his college career, leading to him dropping in many NFL draft projections.

Late in the season, he had a stretch of five straight games where he failed to complete 50% of his passes. Once viewed as a potential top 10 pick, some analysts are now predicting that Fromm will fall into the second round.

Still, Fromm will be remembered as one of the best quarterbacks in Georgia hischallenge in my life and tory. He was 35-7 record as championship game.

pursue my lifelong dream of playing in the NFL." the Bulldogs' starter, including three straight appearance ing three straight appearances in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

As a freshman in 2017, he took over in the season opener after Jacob Eason was injured, made his first college start at Notre Dame the following week and held the job for the rest of his career. Fromm sparked Georgia to

its first SEC title since 2005, a memorable Rose Bowl victory over Oklahoma in the playoff semifinals, and a trip to the national championship game, where the Bulldogs lost to Alabama in overtime.

The past two seasons, Georgia settled for Sugar Bowl bids after losing to Alabama and LSU in the SEC

Fromm thanked his teammates and coaches, singling our head coach Kirby Smart.

"Thank you to Coach Smart who always believed in me and who over the last three years has helped grow that wide eyed, scared, 18 year old kid who got handed the ball in South Bend, into a better man, and secondly a better football player," Fromm said.

The departing quarterback also praised Georgia's fans.

"Through the good times and the bad, I always felt your love and support," he wrote. "I hope I mean as much to you as you do to

The loss of Fromm leaves Georgia with a big hole to fill at quarterback. Former

the only other signal-caller with significant college experience, playing four games in a mop-up role this season.

Of note, the Bulldogs also have a pair of top prospects from their last two signing

D'wan Mathis enrolled at Georgia a year ago but suffered a major setback when severe headaches and sinus pressure led to him undergoing surgery in May to remove a cyst from his brain. He recovered from the operation and was able to work on the scout team late in the season.

Last month, the Bulldogs signed Carson Beck, a 6-foot-4, 226-pound quarterback from Jacksonville, Fla., with Fromm as the starter.

walk-on Stetson Bennett is whose skills have been compared to Fromm's.

Justin Fields was once Fromm's heir apparent, signing with Georgia ahead of the 2018 season.

But Fields played sparingly as a freshman and wound up transferring to Ohio State, where he finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting while leading the Buckeyes to a Big Ten championship and berth in the College Football Playoff.

Fields put up numbers that dwarfed Fromm's, throwing for 3,273 yards and 41 touchdowns, with three picks. He also rushed for rushed for 484 yards and 10 TDs, leading many to question Smart's decision to stick

Black coaching hires still at dismal level in the NFL

BY TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Columnis

at least willing to consider it might be cyclical. Not any longer.

Not after all but one of the coaching vacancies in the NFL have been filled. Not after — in a league where 70% of players are minorities — blacks have been hired for only two of the 19 open head coaching spots over the last three

"It's very discouraging that this continues to happen," said Lapchick, the director of The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at Central Florida. "It's not like there are no qualified candidates. These people are out there and ready.'

ers apparently aren't. Despite the adoption of the Rooney Rule in 2003 to increase the number of black head coaches, there are only three among the four minority head coaches (Washington's Ron Rivera is Hispanic) currently employed in the league.

And, with only the Cleveland Browns still looking, that number won't be changing much — if at all.

"There's not much to be optimistic about from this year's results for sure," said Lapchick, who annually gives sports leagues grades on their efforts to diversify. "This is a serious cause for concern that we've now gone three years with the lowest numbers we've had in a long time.'

Just why those numbers are so low past two decades to promote minority

color for coaching vacancies but was A year ago, Richard Lapchick was later updated so that the general manager job was included.

And before last season, the rule was toughened so that teams couldn't skirt the requirements with sham inter-

Still, the number of black head coaches stands at just three, down from a peak of eight. The situation in the GM's office is even more bleak, with just one black general manager.

Not exactly the type of progress envisioned when former Steelers owner Dan Rooney spearheaded the minority hiring rule nearly 20 years ago. The numbers are so bad on the GM side that Lapchick gave the league an They may be ready, but NFL own- F grade in that category for racial and gender hiring practices as part of an overall B grade.

"It's a serious problem," Lapchick said. "It's fair to say nobody is feeling pressured to diversify, especially at the club level."

If it's a problem, it's one that doesn't get a lot of attention outside of the annual head coach hiring season. That might be, Lapchick said, because players themselves have been relatively silent on the subject even while speaking out on social issues outside the league.

It's also true that as recently as the 2018 season there were eight black head coaches before five of them got

NFL defenders point to that stat and is open to debate, especially since argue that the latest hirings are indeed the NFL has made efforts over the cyclical and the low current number of minority coaches is an aberration. hires. The Rooney Rule not only man- NFL owners are so desperate to win,

dated that teams interview coaches of they say, that they would hire their worst enemy if they thought he had the best chance of getting them to a

But while the Rooney Rule requires interviews, it doesn't require hirings. It also doesn't cover the offensive and defensive coordinator positions that have traditionally been stepping stones to the head coaching job and, on the offensive side at least, have traditionally been white.

And, like it or not, the NFL remains a closed society where the good ol' boy network remains powerful.

It's still somewhat startling that the league didn't hire its first black head coach of the modern era until 1989, when Al Davis named Art Shell in Oakland. It took 13 more years before Ozzie Newsome became the first black general manager in Baltimore.

Not a great history to defend, and the lack of minority head coaches is just as indefensible.

Indeed, the NFL deserves low grades for its hiring practice both on the sidelines and in the executive offices. The league is failing the very players who make billionaire owners even richer, and at some point the players are going to decide they want to have a say about it.

There's no debate that coaching is a brutal business no matter what color your skin is. Coaches are hired to be fired, and all but the most successful eventually lose their jobs for not winning enough.

What isn't debated is this: There's plenty of good black coaches out there. And they deserve a chance to

NBA

Thunder to debut new uniforms honoring 1995 bombing victims

BY JENNI CARLSON

OKLAHOMA CITY -Ryan Whicher is ecstatic the Thunder-Rockets game will be nationally televised Thursday night.

It's not because he lives in Maryland and none of Oklahoma City's other games this season have been broadcast beyond the local telecasts. It's not even because Russell Westbrook will make his return to OKC.

Whicher is pumped because millions of people will get to see the Thunder's uniforms.

age to those affected by the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. A striking combination of charcoal and bronze, numerto Oklahomans. The Survivor Tree on the waistbands. The Gates of Time on the side panels.

But for people outside of the state, the symbolism may be foreign.

And for some, the bombing itself may be unknown.

That's why Whicher is so grateful the Thunder and the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum collaborated on these uniforms, why he is so glad viewers across the country and even around the world will have a chance to see them. They will help keep alive the memory of what happened.

'Tragedies like this, I always worry that everyone else is going to forget about it and the victims will kind of be on their own at some point," Whicher said. "That's a fear in the back of

everyone's head, I'm sure. "And this is absolute 100%

proof that's not the case." Those killed, those injured and those affected haven't been forgotten.

Ryan That includes Whicher's dad.

Alan Whicher became the assistant special agent in charge of the U.S. Secret Service field office in Oklahoma City back in August 1994. He decided to take the desk position after serving on President Bill Clinton's security detail, moving to Oklahoma from Washington, D.C., hoping for a slower, simpler life.

Whicher didn't want to miss any more birthdays or holidays with his family. He wanted to spend more time with his wife, Pam, and children Meredith, Melinda and Ryan.

No one welcomed that more than Ryan, who was in middle school at the time.

"He was like the Terminator in real life," Ryan said. "He was this massive figure who was a law enforcement guy. To me, he was just this

awesome human." Alan Whicher was in his new office on the ninth floor

of the Murrah Building when that truck bomb exploded.

Two days later came the official notification of his

Ryan was only 12, but he had grown accustomed to his dad traveling for work. All of his dad's years in the Secret Service meant when the president or vice president went somewhere, Alan Whicher went, too.

"It just felt like he was on a long trip," Ryan said of those days after the bombing, "and we were just waiting for him to get home."

But when Ryan saw adults On Thursday, OKC will in tears, including men who debut its new "City" uniwere big and strong and forms, designed to pay hombrave like his dad, Ryan started to understand the gravity of the situation. His dad wasn't on a long trip. He wouldn't be coming home.

Whicher's mom moved the ous details will be familiar family back to the Washington, D.C., area soon after the bombing.

> Ryan, along with his wife and two children, still live in Maryland.

Because the entire Whicher family has lived outside Oklahoma much of the past 25 years, they aren't constantly exposed to reminders about the bombing. There are no field trips to the museum. No weekend strolls around the memorial. No special visits to the field of

chairs. Ryan Whicher doesn't

need those cues. "It's been almost 25 years, and not a day goes by where I don't reflect on it in some way, shape or form," he said.

But he knows most people living outside Oklahoma aren't as aware of what happened that April day - or how so many responded in the wake of the tragedy.

There was care and love, support and hope.

"The actual act itself?" Ryan Whicher said. "That's pain. You can go find a million things daily that will give you that pain.

He believes the Thunder's uniforms will help spread that message.

"Think of some kid in France watching the basketball game," Ryan Whicher said. "He probably doesn't know this story. Maybe he does, but now he definitely

Those are the kinds of people Kari Watkins was hoping to reach when the Thunder first approached the memorial about a special-edition uniform. As the executive director of the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, she embraced the idea of not only honoring those killed, injured and changed by the bombing but also spreading the "Oklahoma Standard" of service, honor and kindness to a new audience.

"We have our work cut out for us as far as really needing to make sure this story is told," Watkins said.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

George Perles, longtime Michigan State football coach, dies at 85

BY LARRY LAGE

George Perles, who coached Michigan State to a Rose Bowl victory in 1988 and was a key defensive assistant for the dominant Pittsburgh Steelers teams of the 1970s, died Tuesday. He was 85.

Perles played football at Michigan State and later was an assistant coach, head coach, athletic director and member of the school's governing body. Michigan State announced Perles' death Wednesday. "George touched so many lives.

He helped so many people. He was fiercely loyal and never forgot where he came from," said Brian Mosallam, a former Michigan State football player now on the Board of Trustees. 'We lost a giant.'

Michigan State hired Perles in 1983 to revive its beleaguered football program. He did just that, winning Big Ten titles in 1987 and 1990 and coaching the school in seven bowl games. He helped the Spartans beat Southern California, 20-17, on Jan. 1, 1988, for their first Rose Bowl win in three-plus decades.

Perles was an assistant coach for the Spartans before he was hired away in 1972 to coach the Steelers' defensive line. He later was defensive coordinator and assistant head coach for a team that won four NFL championships in six years. The Philadelphia Stars of the U.S. Football League signed him in 1982, but he got out of his contract to return to the campus in East Lansing, Mich.

The Green Bay Packers tried to lure formation director at Michigan State Perles to the NFL shortly after his Rose Bowl victory and the New York Jets tried two years later. Both times Perles leveraged the opportunities to get what he wanted at Michigan State.

He signed a 10-year contract after passing on the chance to lead the Packers. Just before he was going to be introduced as the Jets' coach in 1990, he was given the title of athletic director despite objections from John DiBiaggio, the university president.

Perles was forced to give up his job as athletic director in 1992. He was fired as coach late in the 1994 season and the team finished 5-6 that year. After an outside investigation, Peter McPherson, then the school president, said the Spartans would forfeit their games because of an academic scandal. The NCAA cleared Perles.

"I would never have stayed at Michigan State if I knew there could be so much conflict about it, or that my staying could somehow hurt the school," he said in his book, "George Perles: The Ride of a Lifetime," published in 1995. "I would have taken the job with Green Bay (in 1988) or with the Jets (in 1990) if I had known what was coming."

He stayed in Michigan for the rest of his life and helped create the Motor City Bowl, using his charm to get the three major automakers to team up to sponsor the postseason college football game for his native Detroit. "In addition to being a great Spar-

tan, he was a problem solver," said

Ken Hoffman, who was a sports in-

and also became executive director of the bowl game. "Whenever there was an issue, he found a way.' Perles was elected to the Michigan

State Board of Trustees in 2006 and was re-elected eight years later but wasn't able to finish his second term. Perles resigned as a member of the governing board in November 2018. He stepped down, citing his age of 84 at the time and his struggles with Parkinson's disease.

Perles was born and raised in Detroit, where he lived in a one-bedroom apartment with his parents. He attended Western High School and starred on the baseball and football teams. He went to the University of Tennessee to play football but lasted only a semester. He transferred to Florida State,

where he was on campus briefly during preseason practices before moving back to the Motor City. With 14 friends wanting to go through basic training together, Perles joined the Army in 1954 and he enlisted for two years before heading to Michigan Shortly after he was eligible to play

in 1958 for coach Duffy Daugherty, Perles — a lineman — had a careerending knee injury. He accepted Daugherty's offer to be a student assistant. Perles earned his first chance to be a

head coach in 1961, at the high school level at St. Rita's in Chicago. He later led St. Ambrose in Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.

Couple is target of ridicule for their healthy lifestyle

DEAR ABBY: We need advice about how to respond to friends and family who poke fun or show disdain because of our healthy lifestyle. We are in our 60s. We rarely eat out, and when we do, we avoid fast food. We

cook most of our meals with an emphasis on vegetables, fruits, fish and chicken. We exercise regularly and have occasional treats.



We have no chronic illnesses and aren't on any medications.

For some reason, our food choices rub people the wrong way. If we are asked why we are in good health, we answer, "Over the years, we've learned not to consume foods or beverages that make us feel bad." If we're invited out to eat and order the baked salmon with broccoli instead of the burger and fries, we hear, "Your diet is so BORING." We usually laugh and shrug it off, but we don't think our diet is boring. We simply enjoy being healthy and know that food is "medicine." Should we continue to keep our mouths shut? -Healthy Living

DEAR HEALTHY: YEP! Your friends and family react the way they do because seeing you eat the way you do makes them feel selfconscious about their own choices. Continue laughing and shrugging to age 100. The others may not be as fortunate as you.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend recently discovered that I am still talking to another girl I used to date. I'll call her Kyra.

Kyra and I had agreed we would remain strictly friends, and the breakup was before I started dating my current girlfriend, "Jan." Jan is devastated by this, and I can somewhat understand why. She got cheated on multiple times in her last relationship.

Do you think I was crossing a boundary by wanting to maintain the friendship with Kyra? Or should I have dropped it when I started dating Jan? I'm asking you because everyone I talk to agrees with me, and everyone Jan talks to agrees with her. I assume it's because people agree with whoever is telling the story. You are unbiased, and your opinion would be greatly appreciated. - Doing The Right Thing In Utah

DEAR DOING: There's nothing wrong with remaining friends after a breakup. Jan is insecure because her last boyfriend cheated on her, and who can blame her? However, that is her problem, and you shouldn't make it yours. Your mistake was not telling Jan when you first started dating that you are still in touch with Kyra - and that she's a platonic friend, nothing more. Jan does not have the right to control your friendships, and you shouldn't let it happen.

DEAR ABBY: How do you cut off a person who talks constantly without a break? By the time there's a lull in her speech, I have forgotten what I wanted to add to the conversation. - Word In Edgewise In Pennsylvania

DEAR WORD: I have encountered compulsive talkers like her. They are exhausting. Remember, she has to breathe SOMETIME. The minute she starts to inhale, start talkin'!

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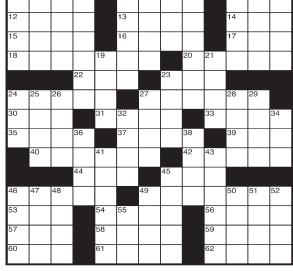
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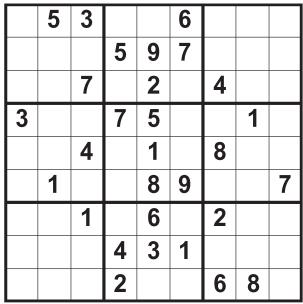
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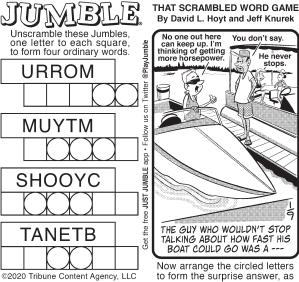
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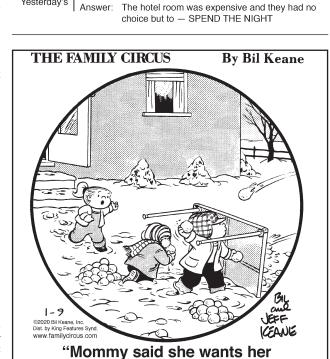
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God is calling lost souls to come to Him

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the rescue call to the human

race. "Incline your ear, and

come to Me. Hear, and your

soul shall live" (Isaiah 55:3).

The world is filled with

From the writings of the calling lost souls to come to turn away from this message Rev. Billy Graham Q: Does God really call out

to people? - H.G. A: Every soul has a story

to tell. Some are gruesome; Billy others mi-Graham raculous. It is

not unusual to My Answer hear of campers and hikers losing their way along trails that wind through the rugged forests, thick

with brush and prone to rockslides. It doesn't take long for people to panic, wondering if they will ever be found.

If you found yourself wandering around in the forest with no food or water, no compass, and no communication device, would you

be content to remain lost?

If someone suddenly called

out your name, would you

remain hidden? It's doubtful.

You would run toward the

sound of the voice. God is

lost and wandering souls. It is wise to ask: What preparation have you made for your soul? If you stop and listen there to meet us and welcome with your ears and your heart, you will hear God's voice. If you ignore Him, you are gambling with your eternal future. If you have rebelled against God, please do not

until you open your heart to Him, because you may not live long enough to go to the Father and be reconciled.

Jesus has His hand outstretched, waiting for the lost to come to Him. When we start down the road to repentance, He does not cast us off and forsake us. He is us home. The Bible says, "If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever" (1 Chronicles 28:9).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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Previous Solution: "I like a little chaos. I think that's really true for my inner Buddha. ... Maybe I can't take total peace." — Meredith Vieira

TODAY'S CLUE: M slenbə i

Ukrainian airliner crashes in Iran, killing all 176 aboard

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SHAHEDSHAHR, Iran — A Ukrainian airliner carrying 176 people crashed on the outskirts of Tehran during a takeoff attempt Wednesday hours after Iran launched its missile attack on U.S. forces, scattering flaming debris and passengers' belongings across farmland and killing everyone on board.

The Iranian military disputed any suggestion the plane had been blown out of the sky by a missile, and Iranian aviation authorities said they suspected a mechanical problem brought down the 3½-year-old Boeing 737. Ukrainian officials initially agreed but later backed away and declined to offer a cause while the investigation is going on.

The Ukraine International Airlines jet was en route to the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv with 167 passengers and nine crew members from several countries, including 82 Iranians, at least 63 Canadians and 11 Ukrainians. according to officials.

Many of the passengers were believed to be international students attending universities in Canada; they were making their way back to Toronto by way of Kyiv after visiting with family during the winter break. The manifest included several teenagers and children, some as young as 1 or 2.

President Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskiy cut short a visit to Oman to return to Kyiv and said a team of Ukrainian experts would go to Tehran to help investigate the crash.

"Our priority is to find the truth and everyone responsible for the tragedy," he wrote in a Facebook statement.

In Canada, where the crash ranked among the worst losses of life for Canadians wa was lowered to half-staff, opponents. and Prime Minister Justin "shocked and saddened." gated and that Canadians' questions are answered."

world airlines

crossing the Middle East to tial claim that the plane was avoid danger amid escalating tensions between the U.S. and Iran, and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration barred American flights from certain Persian Gulf airspace, warning of the "potential for miscalculation or misidenti-

fication" of civilian aircraft. The plane had been delayed from taking off from Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport by almost an hour. It never made it above 8,000 feet, crashing just minutes after takeoff, according to data from the flight-tracking website FlightRadar24.

Qassem Biniaz, a spokesman for Iran's Road and Transportation Ministry, said it appeared a fire erupted in one of its engines and the pilot lost control of the plane, according to the state-run IRNA news agency. The news report did not explain how Iranian authorities knew

pilot apparently The couldn't communicate with air-traffic controllers in Tehran in the last moments of the flight, said Hassan Razaeifar, the head of the air crash investigation committee. He did not elaborate.

International Ukraine Airlines President Yevhen Dykhne, said the aircraft 'was one of the best planes we had, with an amazing, reliable crew." In a statement, the airline went further, saying: "Given the crew's experience, error probability is minimal. We do not even consider such a chance."

Gen. Abolfazl Shekarchi, spokesman for the Iranian armed forces, was quoted by the semiofficial Fars news agency as denying the plane has been brought down by a

"The rumors about the plane are completely false and no military or political expert has confirmed it," he said. He said the rumors in an aviation disaster, the were "psychological war-flag over Parliament in Otta- fare" by the government's

Authorities said they found Trudeau said the country is the plane's so-called black boxes, which record cockpit erywhere," he said. "At first He vowed the government conversations and instru- I thought (the Americans) will work to "ensure that this ment data. But it was not im- have hit here with missiles crash is thoroughly investi- mediately clear how much and went in the basement access to the information the as a shelter. After a while, Iranians would allow.

brought down by a mechanical problem.

"I don't see how they would have known that so quickly," said John Hansman, an aeronautics professor at MIT. "They hadn't had time to look at the flight data recorder. They probably hadn't had time to investigate the physical wreckage of the engines. How do you know it was a mechanical issue versus a surface-to-air missile that went in the engine?"

Many planes have systems that send huge amounts of technical data, including potential problems with the engines or other key systems, to the airline and the manufacturer. But it was unclear whether Ukraine International had paid to download that information automatically during flights, or how much data from such a short flight would tell.

A Boeing spokesman declined to say whether the company obtained any information about the jet during its ill-fated flight.

In 1988, a U.S. Navy cruiser mistakenly shot down an Iranian passenger jet over the Persian Gulf, killing 290 people. Earlier this week, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani referred to that episode in responding to President Donald Trump's threat to attack 52 targets in Iran.

"Those who refer to the number 52 should also remember the number 290," Rouhani tweeted. "Never threaten the Iranian nation."

The Ukrainian plane, fully loaded with fuel for its 1,430-mile flight, slammed into the ground near the town of Shahedshahr, causing fires that lit up the darkened fields before dawn.

Din Mohammad Qassemi said he had been watching the news about the Iranian missile attack on U.S. troops in Iraq in revenge for the killing of Gen. Qassem Soleimani when he heard the

"I heard a massive explosion and all the houses started to shake. There was fire ev-I went out and saw a plane Wednesday rerouted flights skeptical about Iran's ini- parts were lying around ev-

The crash left a wide field of debris scattered across farmland, the dead lying among pieces of the shattered aircraft. Their possessions, including a child's cartoon-covered electric toothbrush, a stuffed animal, luggage and electronics, stretched everywhere.

Rescuers in masks shouted over the noise of hovering helicopters. They quickly realized there would be no survivors.

This was the first fatal crash involving Ukraine International Airlines, which began flying in 1992, according to the Aviation Safety Network, which tracks accidents.

As for the Boeing 737-800 model that went down, it an extremely common twin-engine jetliner introduced in the late 1990s, with thousands in use around the world, and has one of the best safety records among popular airliners.

The Aviation Safety Network said there have been eight fatal crashes involving the Boeing 737-800 out of nearly 5,000 built. A Fly-Dubai crash in Russia in 2016 killed 62 people, and an Air India Express disaster in India in 2010 left more than 150 dead.

The 737-800s have been the subject of inspections and repairs since last year, after airlines started reporting cracks in a part that keeps the wings attached to the fuselage.

The jet that went down on Wednesday last underwent routine maintenance on Monday, the airline said.

While the cause of the tragedy remained unknown, the disaster could further damage Boeing's reputation, which has been battered by furor over two deadly crashes involving the new Boeing 737 Max, which has been grounded for nearly 10 months.

extended con-Boeing dolences to the victims' families and said it stands ready to assist. Boeing, like other airline manufacturers, typically helps in crash investigations. But that effort could be thwarted in this case by the U.S. sanctions imposed against Iran since Trump withdrew the United Aviation experts were has crashed over there. Body States from the 2015 nucle-

Iranian leader calls missile attack a 'slap' at U.S. bases

BY NASSER KARIMI, **AMIR VAHDAT** and JON GAMBRELL Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran struck back at the United States early Wednesday for a barrage of ballistic missiles at two Iraqi military bases that house American "slap" against the U.S. military presence in the region.

caused no casualties, howstanding down.

It was a signal that both sides were stepping away taken off from Imam Khofrom an immediate spiral of more direct exchanges that bound for the Ukrainian could throw the Middle East capital, Kyiv. The plane into great turmoil.

House, Trump said the U.S. would impose new "punishing economic sanctions" on were 82 Iranians, 63 Ca-Iran to force it to stop its nadians and 11 Ukrainians nuclear program and what he called its "hostilities" in nationals included two pasthe region. But he also said deal with Tehran.

Iran, in turn, appeared to nationals. have calibrated its attack to avoid stoking further U.S. retaliation, giving some early warning to its Iraqi allies to avoid casualties.

slap," Supreme Leader Ayaafter the missile strikes.

He made clear that Iran's the U.S. killing of Revolu-Soleimani, whose death and drew massive crowds escalation. of Iranians to the streets in commander.

"These military actions are not sufficient (for revenge). What is important is that the corrupt presence of America in this region comes to an end."

Satellite imagery showed at least five impact sites on the Ain al-Asad base in Iraq's western Anbar province, each leaving charred blast marks that damaged or destroyed buildings. One obliterated a structure in a row of buildings next to a line of helicopters, though none of the aircraft appeared damaged, according to the imagery provided by Planet Labs, Inc.

Iran's foreign minister tweeted that Tehran had taken and "concluded proportionate measures in self-defense," adding that Tehran did "not seek escalation" but would defend itself against further aggression.

Abdul-Mahdi said he received notification from Iran just after midnight that U.S. personnel, partners its retaliation "was starting or would start soon" and would focus only on U.S. positions. The militaries of Finland and Lithuania, which had personnel at one of the targeted bases, said they received information about an imminent attack and had time to move to shelters or leave the base. Iran's attacks "appeared

designed for maximum domestic effect with minimum escalatory risk," said Henry Rome, analyst with Eurasia Group. "For a president who

wants to avoid a war in the Middle East during an election year, the Iranians have provided an off-ramp he will likely take," Rome said.

Tensions have risen steadily in the Middle East since Trump unilaterally withdrew America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

The Iranian attacks on the has visited.

bases marked the first time in recent years that Iran has directly attacked U.S. positions rather than through proxies in the region.

Tehran and Washington have been at odds since killing its most powerful Iran's 1979 Islamic Revomilitary commander, firing lution and the subsequent U.S. Embassy takeover and hostage crisis.

Adding to the chaos, a troops in what the Iranian Ukrainian airplane with supreme leader said was a 176 people crashed after takeoff just outside Tehran on Wednesday morning, The dramatic blast of killing all on board, Iranian more than a dozen missiles and Ukrainian officials said. Iran said mechanical issues ever, and U.S. President were suspected, although Donald Trump said hours Ukraine declined to offer a later that Iran "appears to be cause while an investigation continues.

The Boeing 737-800 had meini International Airport. carried 167 passengers Speaking at the White and nine crew members. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Vadym Prystaiko said there on board - the Ukrainian sengers and the nine crew. Washington was open to a The rest were Swedish, Afghan, German and British

The U.S. Federation Aviation Administration earlier warned of a "potential for miscalculation or misidentification" for civilian "Last night they received a aircraft in the Persian Gulf. The agency barred U.S. cartollah Ali Khamenei said of riers from flying over areas the Americans in a speech of Iraqi, Iranian and some Persian Gulf countries.

The U.S. has been deactions were in response to ploying more troops in the region. U.S. Gulf allies that tionary Guard Gen. Qassem host thousands of American troops are concerned about last week in a drone strike a direct conflict. Saudi Arain Baghdad prompted an- bia and the United Arab gry calls for vengeance Emirates have called for de-

"The situation is not curmourning. Khamenei him- rently a war situation," UAE self wept at the funeral in Energy Minister Suhail Ala sign of his bond with the Mazrouei said, stressing that Iran is a neighbor and the last thing the country wants is more regional ten-

sion. Iran's Revolutionary Guard warned the U.S. and its allies against retaliating over the missile attack.

"We are warning all American allies, who gave their bases to its terrorist army, that any territory that is the starting point of aggressive acts against Iran will be targeted," the Guard said in a statement carried by Iran's state-run IRNA news agency. It also threatened Israel.

The Iranians fired 15 missiles Wednesday, two U.S. officials said. Ten hit Ain al-Asad and one targeted a base in Irbil in Iraq's semiautonomous Kurdish region. Four failed, said the officials, who were not authorized to speak publicly about a military operation.

"As we evaluate the situ-Iraqi Prime Minister Adel ation and our response, we will take all necessary measures to protect and defend and allies in the region," said Jonathan Hoffman, an assistant to the U.S. defense secretary.

Two Iraqi security officials said a missile appeared to have hit a plane at Ain al-Asad, igniting a fire. There were no immediate reports of casualties from the attacks, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they did not have permission to talk to journalists. Ain al-Asad was first used

by American forces after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled dictator Saddam Hussein, and it later was used by American troops in the fight against the Islamic State group. It houses about 1,500 U.S. and coalition forces. Trump went there in December 2018, making his first presidential visit to troops in the region. Vice President Mike Pence also

Puerto Ricans left homeless after biggest quake in century

BY DANICA COTO

GUANICA, Puerto Rico Cars, cots and plastic chairs became temporary beds for hundreds of families who lost their homes in southwest Puerto Rico as a flurry of earthquakes struck the island, one of them the strongest in a century.

The magnitude 6.4 quake that struck before dawn on Tuesday killed one person, injured nine others and knocked out power across the U.S. territory. More than 250,000 Puerto Ricans remained without water on Wednesday and another half a million without power, which also affected telecommunications.

In addition, more than 1,000 people were staying in government shelters in the island's southwest region as U.S. President Donald Trump declared an emergency and Puerto Rico Gov. Wanda Vázquez activated the National Guard.

The hardest hit municipality was the southwest coastal town of Guánica. More than 200 people had taken shelter in a gymnasium after a quake on Monday, only for the latest shake to damage that structure – forcing them to sleep outside.

Among them was 80-yearold Lupita Martínez, who sat in the dusty parking lot with her 96-year-old husband by her side. He was sleeping in a makeshift bed, a dark blue coat covering him.

no water. There is nothing. corded in the area of Tues-

The couple was alone, lamenting that their caretaker had disappeared and was not answering their calls. Like many Puerto Ricans affected by the quake, they had children in the U.S. mainland who urged them to move there, at least until the earth stops shaking.

While officials said it was too early to estimate the total damage caused by the string of quakes that began the night of Dec. 28, they said hundreds of homes and businesses in the southwest region were damaged or destroyed. Just in Guánica, a town of roughly 15,000 people, nearly 150 homes were affected by the quake, along with three schools, including one three-story structure whose first two floors were completely flattened.

In Guánica itself, "We are confronting a crisis worse than Hurricane Maria," said Mayor Santos Seda, referring to the 2017 storm that devastated the island . "I am asking for empathy from the federal government."

He said officials believe the homes of 700 families in his municipality are close to collapsing.

Tuesday's quake was the strongest to hit Puerto Rico since October 1918, when a magnitude 7.3 quake struck near the island's northwest coast, unleashing a tsunami

and killing 116 people. More than 950 quakes and "There's no power. There's aftershocks have been re-

31, though most were too weak to be felt, according to U.S. Geologic Survey.

The USGS said that while it's virtually certain there will be many aftershocks in the next week, the chance of a magnitude 6 quake - similar to Tuesday's – or stronger is around 22 percent.

In Guánica, some people dragged mattresses outside their homes or set up small

Authorities were trying to figure out where to shelter them all as they handed out blankets, food and water to families gathered at the gymnasium for a second night in a row. Many had their belongings in large garbage bags as they sat haphazardly on unstable plastic chairs. Some slept. Others cradled their dogs and many simply stared listlessly into the distance. One elderly man spent an entire day in his wheelchair, refusing to lay down on a cot.

Meanwhile, a handful of people slept in their cars, in chairs or on the ground as cots ran out.

"Now I'm afraid of the house," said 49-year-old Lourdes Guilbe as she wiped away tears and confided that she felt overwhelmed caring for the nearly dozen relatives gathered around her, including her more than 90-yearold grandfather, who sat in a wheelchair wearing green pajamas and socks.

Guilbe said her home is cracked and her daughter's home collapsed, so they

This is horrible," Martínez day night's event since Dec. weren't sure where they would live in upcoming

> Psychologists met with Guilbe and dozens of other people affected by the earthquakes, going door-todoor on Monday in affected neighborhoods and then visiting people in shelters on Tuesday. Among them was Dayleen Ortiz, who set up a speaker on the roof of her car to blast uplifting salsa music and provided crayons and paper to children and urged adults to shake their fears.

"There is a lot of uncertainty," she said. "We don't know if this is going to continue."

One young girl tapped Ortiz on her leg repeatedly: "I want to play beautician," she said. Ortiz dug behind cases

of water bottles, chairs and blankets in her car and produced eight small new nail polishes and the girl smiled wide. It's a trick the psychologist learned to entertain children after Hurricane Maria hit, causing an estimated 2,975 deaths and more than \$100 billion in estimated damage.

Reconstruction has been slow, and the earthquake was the newest blow to an island where thousands of people have been living under a blue tarps since the hurricane and the power grid remains fragile.

"I can't stand this," said 64-year-old Zenaida Rodríguez as she sat under a tree and the ground again rumbled. "Did you feel that?"



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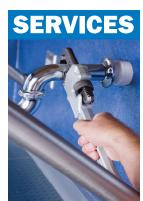
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